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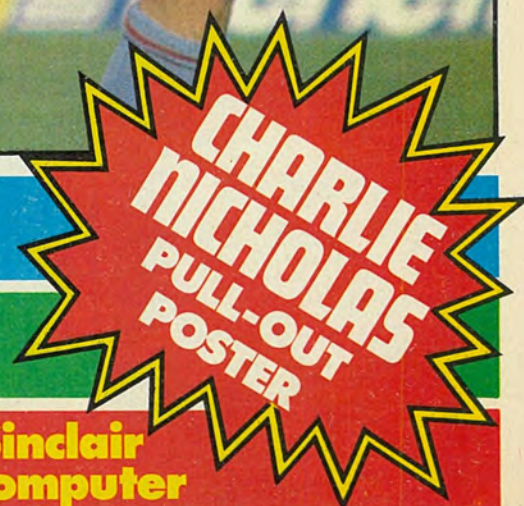


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JOE NEENAN: Probably the best goalkeeper in the Fourth Division last season, although he did cause me a heart-stopping moment in our 'six-pointer' at Bury in April. They wouldn't have scored a proper goal if they'd been playing for months but his blunder cost us the game.

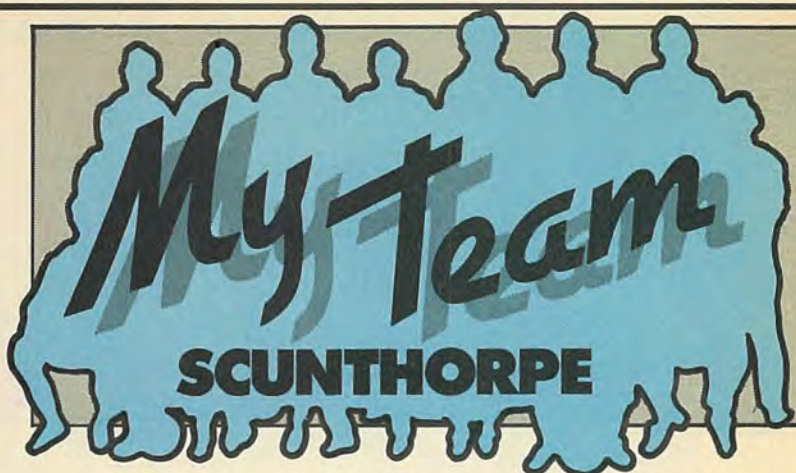
But Joe has also saved us on many occasions and played extremely well for me. His reflexes are excellent and his angles and kicks are spot-on. He could improve on his crosses, though.

The 23-year-old is a chirpy character and a great influence in the dressing room.

ANDY KEELEY: Even though Andy played in most of our Fourth Division games last season, I released the right back on a free transfer. After helping the club to promotion, he must be disappointed by my decision but football is all about opinions and I believe I was right to let him go.

Andy, who has been unfortunate with injuries during his career, started with Spurs before moving North to Sheffield United.

NEIL POINTON: England youth squad member, Neil has the ability to go to the very top. He's a left-back in the Kenny Sansom and



'THEY MADE ME EAT MY WORDS...'

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FRONT COVER: West Brom's
Cyrille Regis in aerial combat
with West Ham's Alvin Martin
and Ray Stewart.

Derek Statham mould — he loves
to go forward and has a great left
foot.

Neil has just turned 18 but he's
already proved to be a magnificent
character. His commitment is total
and he never gives up.

The young lad is always willing
to help out — he's always the first
to collect the bollards and balls
after training even though that's a
job usually done by the
apprentices.

STEVE BAINES: Player/coach
and captain of my side. Steve
knows the games at this level
inside out and he's a great
professional who leads by
example.

**Paul O'Berg — plays the Eric
Gates role for Scunthorpe.**



I tried to sign him when I was
manager of Barnsley. He's
normally a central defender but
because of the player shortage,
he's played in midfield for me. He's
big and strong and what he lacks
in skill he makes up for in
endeavour.

LES HUNTER: Plays off the
centre-half and there was no better
player in that position in the
Fourth Division last season. A
conscientious lad, he reads the
game very well.

He may lack pace, but so did
former England skipper Bobby
Moore and he was a great player.
Bobby, like Les, made up for that
weakness by never giving
opponents a chance to run him.
The 26-year-old was signed on a
free from Chesterfield.

PAUL O'BERG: A Little fellow
who plays an Eric Gates role
behind our two main strikers. He
reminds me of old Liverpool
favourite Ian Callaghan.

He's a chirpy lad who's got bags
of confidence. His main assets are
his speed and close ball control.

Paul is a great player to have in
your side. I remember he had his
leg in plaster after being injured at
Northampton last season and yet
he returned to the side just three
days after having the cast removed
and played out of his skin!

NOEL PARKINSON: I was
desperately sorry for Noel when he
broke his leg in training and
missed our promotion run-in
because, before that, he was one
of our best players.

He plays on the right side of
midfield, has good vision, strikes
the ball well and passes it
accurately. The 24-year-old, who
joined us from Mansfield, is our
regular penalty-taker.

TOMMY GRAHAM: Brother of
Leeds star Arthur Graham. I
plucked him from the dole queue
last season after he'd had
unsuccessful spells at Halifax and
Doncaster.

I signed him when I was at
Barnsley so I knew the lad inside
out. He usually plays as a striker,
but performed very well for me in
midfield. He's good with his back
to goal and is dangerous in the air.

**Former Sheffield Wednesday
and Man. City star Denis Leman
— has been a great help to
young Neil Pointon.**



'MY TEAM' is a great series where winning managers talk frankly about their team with a fascinating and often amusing player-by-player profile.

This week the spotlight falls on former Leeds and England striker Allan Clarke — the man in charge of Scunthorpe United.



by Allan Clarke

I HATE being proved wrong but I was more than delighted when the Scunthorpe players made me eat my words.

I told them when I took over midway through last season that I didn't think the team was good enough to win promotion to the Third Division.

In my opinion, the squad wasn't big enough. To be successful you've got to have strength in depth. We didn't have that.

For Scunthorpe's most important game for over a decade — the last match of the season at Mansfield — I had to field two apprentices who had never played in the first team before.

On top of that, of the four players who played in the middle of the park, not one of them was a natural midfield player!

The balance at the club was non-existent. I've had to play a lot of my men out of position because we

simply didn't have the staff.

The lads who achieved promotion should be given the freedom of the town of Scunthorpe. It was a great achievement and I'm proud of them.

Last season we had no reserve team and my two apprentices had to play for local amateur sides in order to get a game at weekends.

But this term I'm going to get the reserve team going again and strengthen my squad. I believe you need at least 16 players and that's what I'm aiming for.

When I left Leeds a year ago, I said I'd only join a club with ambition that matched mine. The Scunthorpe chairman sold the place to me.

For the past 10 to 12 years, Scunthorpe have been regarded as a bit of a footballing joke. I'm determined they will lose that tag and we've gone some way to doing that. The lads have brought some pride back to the town and club. 9

Left: Scunthorpe manager Allan Clarke — believes his players deserve the freedom of the town.

CLAN

DENIS LEMAN: Started his career at Manchester City before moving to Hillsborough where he was released on a free by 'Big Jack'. Denis did a great job for us on the left of midfield last season and was a big help to young Neil Pointon.

His experience has rubbed off on Neil and he covers for the youngster when he goes up front. His awareness is excellent and he has a tremendous shot. It surprises me that he didn't do it at the higher level.

I sometimes have a go at him for not getting forward enough and he tends to go to sleep at times.

CHRIS COWLING: Because he wears number nine on his back, people expect him to score goals every week, but he's our target man. He reminds me of my old Leeds team-mate Mick Jones. He's so unselfish.

Chris is just 20 and still learning his trade but he's got a great future ahead of him. There's no better target man around. I encourage my players to express themselves on the pitch so I'm trying to persuade him to make himself heard. He's too quiet for my liking.

STEVE CAMMACK: A natural finisher and that's one thing a manager can't coach into his players. I don't know what's happened through his career but Steve has the skill to play in the top flight. He's quick and sharp.

Perhaps his previous managers haven't been able to get the best out of him. He finished up as the

Fourth Division's top scorer with 25 goals.

ALAN BOXALL: A physics teacher who turned out as centre-half last season and did a magnificent job alongside Les Hunter. During term time, we only see him on match days but he has adapted very well.

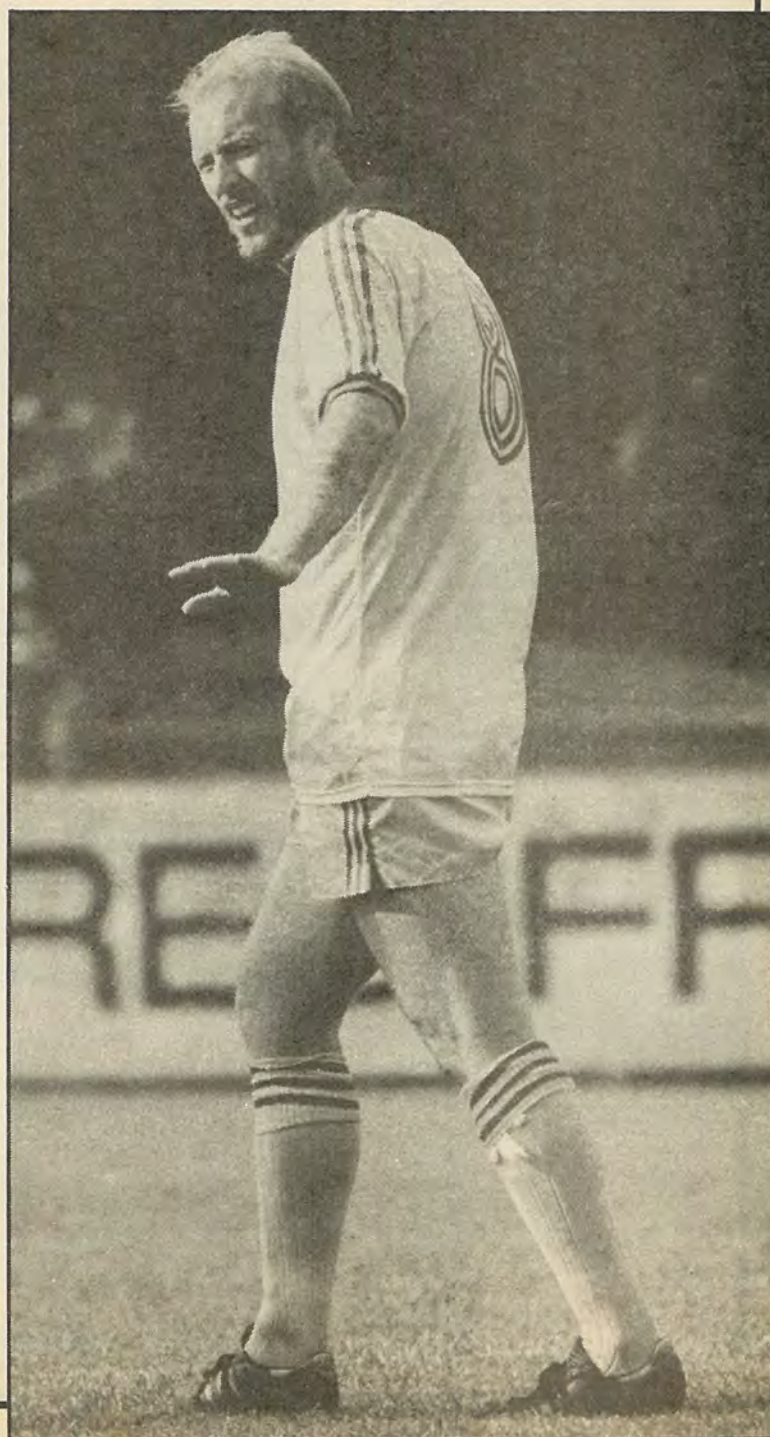
Alan has a tremendous long throw and, when we get a throw in the last third of the field, it's like a corner for us. The 28-year-old is over 6ft and very good in the air. He's witty and has a great sense of humour.

BOB OATES: Released on a free transfer at the end of the season after making more than 300 League appearances at the Old Show Ground.

PAUL JOHNSON: My reserve team goalkeeper who I expect to put pressure on Joe Neenan next season. Because we didn't have a second string side last term, I didn't see that much of him.

● **NEXT WEEK:** Second Division Champions Queen's Park Rangers come under the spotlight through the eyes of Terry Venables and Allan Harris.

Right: Scunthorpe's leading scorer last season Steve Cammack — a natural finisher.



Woods in the wilderness

THE absence of goalkeeper Chris Woods from England's tour party to Australia came as more of a surprise to Norwich manager Ken Brown than the inclusion of his winger, Mark Barham.

"In my opinion Chris was playing as well as anybody in the country during the second half of last season, and that includes Peter Shilton," says Ken.

"When we looked to be in real danger of relegation, he turned in a few performances which were out of this world. In fact, looking back now, some of the saves he made could well have been the difference between us going down and staying up.

"We might not be the most fashionable club in the country, and maybe that's why our players have missed out on representative honours in the past.

"But with lads around like Mark Barham, Chris, John Deehan and Dave Watson, we're out to change that."



Norwich goalkeeper Chris Woods — his omission from the England squad to tour Australia surprised his manager Ken Brown.

***** Swaziland shoot-out *****

TOTTENHAM won a penalty shoot-out against Manchester United to decide their four-match series of exhibition matches in Swaziland.

Spurs won the final match 2-0 with goals from Steve Perryman and Gary Mabbutt.

Still in Africa, Coventry went down 4-2 to Zimbabwe Saints, Steve Whitton and Steve Hunt getting their goals.

CORRECTION

IN our 'Club Fact File' series we said that Chester's heaviest defeat was 5-0 against Blackpool in the Milk Cup. It should have read 5-1. Hence the Milk Cup scorers should have read: Tom Sloan 1, John Thomas 1.

In the same series we stated that Trevor Swinburne and Alan Shoulder had made 46 and Paul Haigh 44 appearances for Carlisle. It should have read: Trevor Swinburne (42), Alan Shoulder (42) and Paul Haigh (40).

The same applied to the Cambridge and Charlton 'Fact Files'.

At Cambridge, Jamie Murray made 42 appearances and Steve Fallon 41. At Charlton Nicky Johns and Carl Harris made 42 appearances and Les Berry 39.

Vintage United on video

TWENTY-five years after the Munich air crash ripped apart Britain's most promising football team, Manchester United reached the top again by winning the FA Cup last month.

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It includes interviews with Bobby Charlton, George Best and the creator of the Busby Babes, Sir Matt Busby, and there is historic footage of the team's many victories, including the 1948 FA Cup win, the 1952 Championship and the 1968 European Cup triumph.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH FACTS

Sunday, June 12

AUSTRALIA (0) 0

ENGLAND (0) 0

Att: 28,000 (in Sydney)

Australia: Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor S, Watson (sub Stone), Cant, Kosmina, Katholos, O'Connor P (sub Mitchell).

England: Shilton, Thomas, Statham (sub Barnes), Williams, Osman, Butcher, Barham, Gregory, Blissett (sub Walsh), Francis, Cowans.

WALES (1) 1 (Flynn 4)

BRAZIL (0) 1 (Isidoro 56)

Att: 35,000 (in Cardiff)

Wales: Southall, Hopkins, Jones, Vaughan, Charles (sub Lewis), Ratcliffe, Davies G, Flynn, Giles (sub Lowndes), Thomas, Davies A.

Brazil: Leo, Betao, Marcio, Luizinho, Perdinho, Batista, Carlos Alberto Broges (sub Jonghinho), Pita (sub Isidoro), Socrates, Careca, Eder.

Monday, June 13

CANADA (0) 0

SCOTLAND (1) 2 (Strachan pen 36, McGhee 78)

Att: 15,000 (in Vancouver)

WHILE his Everton team-mates are enjoying their summer break, Andy King is fighting to get fit for the start of what he describes as a 'crunch' season.

The unlucky midfielder has been out of action since the beginning of March with a leg injury, but feels he is now well on the road to recovery.

And with his contract at Goodison Park up at the end of next season he's determined to reproduce the form he showed before the injury and help set Everton back on the glory trail.

Says Andy: "It's going to be a very important season for me because I'm getting to the age where I desperately need a taste of success.

"I'm 27 next month and want to win something before I get much older. If I can't do that with Everton this season, and can't see it happening in the near future, I may look elsewhere."

Andy was enjoying one of the best spells of his career last season, and with Everton in the last eight of the FA Cup and looking a good bet for a European place, the future looked rosy.

But just a week before the FA Cup Sixth Round date with Manchester United, disaster struck. Following a collision with Sunderland's Iain Munro, Andy was carried off with badly damaged ligaments.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

THERE'S no such thing as a summer break for Aston Villa utility player Eamonn Deacy.

As soon as the season was over, Eamonn was back in Galway to lend a hand in the family's grocery and fish business.

"Lying around on the beach in Majorca doesn't appeal to me at all," says Eamonn, youngest of ten children. "I do deliveries, go to market and bag a few spuds!"

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KING-SIZED TASK FOR ANDY

And to add insult to injury, his Everton team-mates were knocked out of the Cup at Old Trafford by a Frank Stapleton goal in the dying seconds.

Andy was hoping to be back in action before the end of last season and was looking forward to helping Everton's drive for Europe.

"But there was a slight complication and I was forced to sit out the rest of the season and watch our European hopes slip away," he says.

"That was another year wasted and I found myself saying, 'Oh well, maybe next year'... I've been saying that for the last nine years.

"And so for the first time in my career I've sat down at the start of the season and thought about what I want to achieve during the next year.

"I want to help Everton win something, or be in a position where I can say success is just around the corner."



Andy King — preparing for crunch season.

Geordie joy in Japan

NEWCASTLE may have just missed out on promotion to the First Division last season, but they picked up a trophy in Japan last month.

They drew 0-0 with Brazil's Botofogo in the final match of a four nations club tournament in Tokyo, but two wins and two draws in their four fixtures was good enough to earn them the Japan Cup.

TREVOR Gould, brother of new Coventry boss Bobby, has a new job himself, taking over as manager of Southern League Aylesbury.

FORMER Notts County goalscorer Les Bradd has joined non-League Kettering Town, and his debut will be in a pre-season friendly against his previous club Wigan who gave him a free transfer.

LIVERPOOL concluded their Far East tour with a 3-0 victory over Thailand in Bangkok, Alan Kennedy, Sammy Lee and Graeme Souness scoring the goals.

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Then again it might be Gary Bailey's blond locks or that Kevin Keegan curly perm that sends shivers down your spine.

If it's legs you're interested in, maybe Phil Neal's sexy knees or Glenn Hoddle's rippling muscles turn you on.

Your choice doesn't have to be a British player. If you prefer the Latin good-looks or Paola Rossi or the rugged features of Karl Heinz Rummenigge then write and tell us.

So put pen to paper now and send your letters to My Dishiest Player, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DZ.

CROWDS CRASH

THERE were some poor opening match attendances when the North American Soccer League got under way.

Tampa Bay Rowdies had their lowest crowd for several seasons when only 10,025 turned up for the clash with Tulsa Roughnecks.

Montreal fared even worse. Their 6,460 crowd for the match against Tampa Bay was their lowest ever for an opening fixture.

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NEARLY 20,000 fans filled the Cleveland Coliseum to watch Cleveland Force eliminate Chicago Sting from the Indoor League Quarter-Final play-offs.

Four years ago Cleveland took over 85,000 dollars in the whole of the season, but takings of more than 180,000 from this one evening gives a firm indication of the ever-increasing popularity of indoor football in Cleveland.

Owner Bart Wolstein, despite losing more than three million dollars in the past three years, remains firm in his commitment to the team and Cleveland.

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ANOTHER new President, a new League office, two new teams and the adoption of the shoot-out procedure to decide a drawn game, heralded the 49th season of the American Soccer League.

This veteran League has had more ups and downs than Humpty Dumpty, but still manages to be put back together again.

I saw the first leg of the

KEN FURPHY'S AMERICAN UP-DATE

Semi-Finals last season between the Georgia Generals and the Detroit Express along with only 200 other spectators.

Detroit went on to beat Oklahoma in the Final before 40,000 fans. The team owner sold the game to General Motors for 50,000 dollars and then gave away the tickets.

The Georgia Generals, Rochester Lancers and Nashville Diamonds went into hibernation during the winter and never woke up, but the defunct Jacksonville Tea Men resurfaced and the Dallas Americans took over the Texas entry following the amalgamation of Dallas Tornados and Tampa Bay Rowdies.

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THE arrival of former England star Tony Currie into the newly-formed Canadian Soccer League could boost the League's hopes of attracting Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto from the troubled North American competition.

To tempt a player of Currie's class into the League has been regarded as something of a coup, although there are many cynics who claim that the Queen's Park Rangers player thought he had signed for the wrong Toronto team.

Toronto Blizzard play in the North American League while Tony's side, Toronto Nationals, operate in the Canadian League.

Frank Pike, formerly from Plymouth, has taken over as general manager and coach of the Nationals and Eddie Firmani is quickly back at work after his abrupt departure from the Montreal Manics, by simply moving to Inter Montreal.

★ ★ ★

VANCOUVER Whitecaps began their North American Soccer League campaign in fine style with a 3-0 win over Fort Lauderdale despite the absence of Frans Thijssen, Peter Beardsley and Dave Watson.

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THE San Diego Sockers and Chicago Sting have notified the Major Indoor Soccer League that they will not be competing in the League next season.

A 46-League game commitment is cited as the main reason for the decision, but rumour is rife that the owners were none too pleased with the standard of refereeing.

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FORMER Manchester United star Dennis Viollet stayed on in Jacksonville when the North American Soccer League team folded and his patience has been rewarded. He returns to the American Soccer League, where he started with the old Baltimore Bays, as Head Coach to the resurrected Jacksonville Tea Men.



Glenn Hoddle — favourite with the girls.



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Soccer fanatic Rod Stewart — favourite of the players.

ROD Stewart is top of the pops with the soccer stars.

The football crazy superstar, who regularly jets across the Atlantic to watch his beloved Scotland, is the favourite of many top names in the game.

'Match' investigated the musical tastes of 50 stars and discovered that Rod was number one in the players hit parade. No fewer than 11 named him as their top artist.

Chartbuster Rod is currently in Britain at the start of a worldwide tour and one player hoping to get tickets for one of his concerts is West Brom's midfield tiger Gary Owen.

The former England Under-21 skipper admits: "Rod is my number one. I have got all his albums."

"Whenever he's on tour in this country I try to see him because his performances are so special. When he goes on stage the whole place erupts. He has a tremendous rapport with his audience.

"I've been to five Rod Stewart concerts and thoroughly enjoyed every one. They have an atmosphere all of their own.

During his stay at Manchester City Gary met his singing idol. He says: "Myself and Denis Law were invited backstage after one of his performances. It was a great thrill.

"He asked us back to his hotel for a party and I was very disappointed I couldn't make it," says Gary.

During Scotland's World Cup campaign in Spain Rod Stewart was a regular visitor to the team headquarters and Ipswich star John Wark remembers: "He was football nuts. It was all he wanted to talk about.

"You often wonder what sort of people superstars like Rod are like, but he was very down to earth and was just one of the lads.

"As well as liking him as a person I'm also a keen fan of his singing and I've got quite a few of his records," says John.



George Benson — among his admirers are Arsenal's Chris Whyte and Scottish full-back Richard Gough.

"At the moment I'm also into Bryan Ferry, Roxy Music and the Australian band Men at Work. Their album 'Business as Usual' is a particular favourite of mine."

John is also a big friend of fellow Scot B A Robertson and he says: "I met him at the BBC while I was recording Top of the Pops. Both of us are from Glasgow and we have a lot in common.

"I like all sorts of music and have a varied record collection. I don't get to as many live concerts as I would like, because Ipswich is a bit out of the way.

"The last one I went to was with Paul Mariner, but he's a bit of a heavy metal freak and I'm not really into that sort of music."

Watford midfielder Les Taylor must have one of the biggest record collections of all professional footballers. He

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reckons he's got more than 1,000 albums.

He says: "I started buying records when I was an apprentice at Oxford United and the collection has built up from there."

"In those days I was very keen on David Bowie and the first LP I bought was Hunky Dory. That was soon followed by Ziggy Stardust, but I must admit I'm not too keen on his recent stuff."

Surprisingly Les doesn't go for his Watford chairman Elton John as his favourite artist and he admits: "I used to like him more as a singer before I joined the club."

"Like Bowie, I enjoy his early material, but he's told me that his next album is really good... although I don't know whether he's just trying to promote the sales!"

Les has just returned from a club tour of China with his team-mates and his chairman treated the players to an impromptu concert during a party at the end of the trip.

"It was great fun. All the players joined in the singalong," says Les, who missed two of Watford's four games through injury.

"I saw the chairman in concert at Watford Town Hall last season and really enjoyed it. I'm hoping to get tickets for his Wembley date in July."

"I love going to concerts and when I was at Oxford I used to go regularly. The best ones I went to were Genesis, Joe Jackson and The Stranglers."

"My tastes vary but at the moment I like listening to Men at Work, Duran Duran, Genesis and Police."

And to help him listen to even more music Les brought a personal hi-fi back from China, so that he can keep in tune while he does some light jogging to keep in trim during the close season.

Young Luton defender Paul Elliott names the chart-topping album Thriller by Michael Jackson as his current favourite record. The 18-year-old says: "It's the

best I've heard for a long time."

"Michael Jackson is a great favourite of mine and I like soul and reggae music."

Southampton's long serving midfielder star Nick Holmes admits that his tastes range from classical to heavy rock. "It just depends what sort of mood I'm in," he says.

"Most of the records I've got are by Queen and Supertramp but I don't buy as many records as I used to."

"I suppose Queen are my favourite group and my all-time favourite record must be their smash hit Bohemian Rhapsody. That was the song which really pushed them into the limelight."

"I've seen Queen in concert in London and thoroughly enjoyed it, although I'm getting too old for that sort of thing now."

Nick has also been to a Rod Stewart gig, but he admits: "I only went because my wife wanted to go."

Of the more recent music, Nick enjoys Spandau Ballet and Heaven 17. He says: "I've got their latest

albums and enjoy both of them."

Pop superstars were no strangers to Southampton when former England defender Dave Watson was at The Dell. Nick says: "Dave was a big friend of Status Quo and guitarist Rik Parfitt was a regular visitor."

Liverpool's extrovert goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar is typically unconventional in his musical tastes. He lists Dire Straits and a group with the unlikely name of Doug and the Slugs!

George Benson, who currently has a hit called Lady Love Me (One More Time) riding up the charts also proved a popular singer. Stars who named him include Stoke winger Mark Chamberlain, Richard Gough of Dundee United and Arsenal's Chris Whyte.

When Stoke goalkeeper Peter Fox was asked to pick his top singer he chose Portsmouth striker Alan Biley. He obviously has memories of the Rod Stewart lookalike's brief spell at The Potteries!



Superstar Paul McCartney is admired by fellow scouser Kevin Sheedy of Everton.



Left: Wired for sound — that's Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw. His favourite groups are Police and Supertramp.

TOP 50

Player

Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)
David O'Leary (Arsenal)
Ian Wallace (Nott'm F)
Pat Bonner (Celtic)
Russell Osman (Ipswich)
Paul McStay (Celtic)
Derek Statham (West Brom)
Ross Jenkins (Watford)
Mark Chamberlain (Stoke)
Billy Kellock (Wolves)
Billy Stark (Aberdeen)
Allan Evans (Aston Villa)
Alan Curbishley (Aston Villa)
Nick Holmes (Southampton)
Charlie Nicholas (Arsenal)
Geoff Pike (West Ham)
Iain McCulloch (Notts Co)
Mike Thomas (Stoke)
Richard Gough (Dundee Utd)
Les Taylor (Watford)
Jim Arnold (Everton)
Kevin Reeves (Man City)
Alan Brazil (Spurs)
Romeo Zondervan (West Brom)
Steve McCall (Ipswich)
Gary Owen (West Brom)
Kevin Sheedy (Everton)
Gary Mabbutt (Spurs)
Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool)
Mark Wright (Southampton)
Arnold Muhren (Man Utd)
John Wark (Ipswich)
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)
Tommy Burns (Celtic)
Ken McNaught (Aston Villa)
Paul Elliott (Luton)
Ray Stewart (West Ham)
Paul Walsh (Luton)
Chris Whyte (Arsenal)
Simon Stainrod (QPR)
David Johnson (Everton)
Phil Parkes (West Ham)
Norman Whiteside (Man Utd)
Stewart Robson (Arsenal)
Mark Barham (Norwich)
Colin Walsh (Nott'm F)
Ian Bailey (Sheff Wed)
Ian Bolton (Watford)
Mich D'Avray (Ipswich)
Keith Bertschin (Norwich)

Favourite pop stars

Moody Blues, Cliff Richard
Neil Diamond, Police
Rod Stewart
David Bowie
Dire Straits, Rolling Stones
U2
Daryl Hall and John Oates
Rod Stewart
George Benson
Rod Stewart
Spandau Ballet
Rod Stewart
Phil Collins
Queen
U2, Psychedelic Furs
Stevie Wonder, Fleetwood Mac
Rod Stewart
Bryan Ferry
George Benson
Men At Work, Genesis
ELO, Abba
Squeeze, Stevie Wonder
Rod Stewart, Bryan Ferry
Elkie Brooks, Neil Diamond
Elton John, George Benson
Rod Stewart
Paul McCartney
Diana Ross
Dire Straits, Doug and the Slugs
Bryan Ferry, Human League
Elton John, Paul McCartney
Rod Stewart, Bryan Ferry
Barbra Streisand
Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis
ELO, Police, Queen
Michael Jackson
Rod Stewart
Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross
Stevie Wonder, George Benson
Jam, B52's
Phil Collins
Cliff Richard, Michael Jackson
Shalamar
Earth Wind and Fire
UB40, Roxy Music
Roxy Music
Bryan Ferry
Elton John
Rod Stewart
Rod Stewart

SOCCER

Left: Rock superstar Elton John is surrounded by his Watford team-mates. He gave them an impromptu concert at the end of their China tour.

Right: Stevie Wonder — another popular singer among the players.



REVEALING our Second Division 'Matchman of the Year' award for 1982-83. The award is based on marks for League performances for one club taken from our exclusive 'Match Facts' service.

ARTFUL

TOP TWENTY

1	ARCHIE GEMMILL (Derby)	7.64
2	KEVIN KEEGAN (Newcastle)	7.32
3	JEFF CLARKE (Newcastle)	7.23
4	EDDIE GRAY (Leeds)	7.19
4	RAY HOUGHTON (Fulham)	7.19
6	PAUL BANNON (Carlisle)	7.16
* 6	PAUL FUTCHER (Oldham)	7.16
8	GORDON DAVIES (Fulham)	7.13
9	CLIVE WALKER (Chelsea)	7.08
10	GARY LINEKER (Leicester)	7.05
11	MICKY DROY (Chelsea)	7.03
12	GARY BANNISTER (Sheff Wed)	7.00
* 12	DAVID SWINDLEHURST (Derby)	7.00
14	JOHN BURRIDGE (Wolves)	6.97
14	VINCE HILAIRE (C. Palace)	6.97
16	GARRY WADDOCK (QPR)	6.93
17	GERRY GOW (Rotherham)	6.91
18	GARY MEGSON (Sheff Wed)	6.90
19	BOB HAZELL (QPR)	6.89
20	JOE WATERS (Grimsby)	6.87
20	TERRY McDERMOTT (Newcastle)	6.87

*Swindlehurst and Futchter both moved during the season to West Ham and Derby respectively. The table shows the most consistent performers in the Second Division last season together with their average mark. To qualify players must have played at least twenty League games for one club.

Gemmill is Matchman of the Year in Division Two



Archie Gemmill — top player in the Second Division last season.

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a great new coarse season with the Angling Times 28 page FIRST BITE '83 Special. The magazine, which can be yours, (see below) will help you improve your catches by telling you all about when to fish, choosing a swim, getting the best from your baits, summer tactics.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO:

Send this token with a token from the 22nd June issue of Angling Times at your newsagents now. Include a 16p stamp with your completed coupon and send to Match Weekly/First Bite offer, Marketing Dept., Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DZ. We will then send you your First Bite 83 magazine together with your super colour fish species stickers.



Please send me my First Bite '83 magazine plus Fish Species Stickers. I enclose 2 tokens plus 16p stamp. (Write name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME

ADDRESS

ARCHIE!

Below: Newcastle defender Jeff Clarke proved to be one of the bargain buys of last season. He had an outstanding first season in the heart of the Geordies' defence having been released by North East rivals Sunderland.

WEE Archie Gemmill, the pocket-sized battleship who generalised Derby's successful fight against relegation, was the Second Division's outstanding player last season.

The former Scotland captain, who appears to thrive in the face of adversity, had an average rating of 7.64 over the season — based on marks from League results in Match Weekly's exclusive 'Match Facts' section.

Not even the overwhelming presence of the dynamic Kevin Keegan in the success-starved North East could deny the balding veteran his hour of glory in his second spell at the Baseball Ground.

Below: The irrepressible John Burridge was the top goalkeeper in the Second Division.



While Peter Taylor masterminded Derby's escape from disaster from the sidelines, Archie, who had been recruited from Third Division Wigan, provided the inspiration to ignite the club's race to safety.

Such was the recovery at Derby that many pundits are confidently forecasting that a revival of the halcyon days of the seventies are just around the corner.

In many ways, former England favourite Kevin Keegan did a similar job at Newcastle where his shock arrival from Southampton awakened the slumbering giant of a club and rekindled Geordie pride and passion.

And he didn't let them down, scoring twenty goals and leading them to within an ace of returning to the First Division.

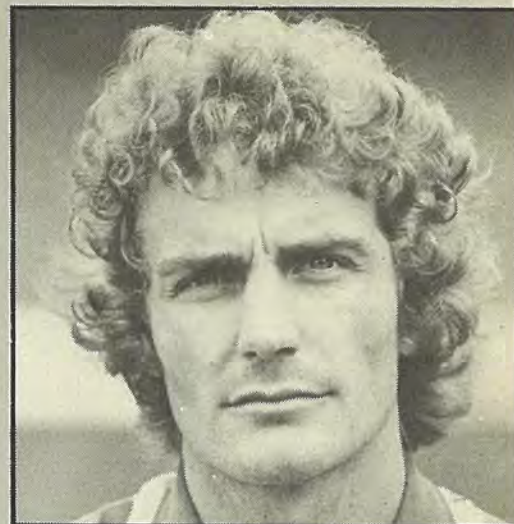
His average rating of 7.32 earned him second place, just ahead of his St James' Park team-mate Jeff Clarke.

He was snapped up on a free transfer from local rivals Sunderland in the close season, and he proved what a wise investment manager Arthur Cox made by emerging as the division's top defender.

Another veteran campaigner, Leeds player-manager Eddie Gray, showed that he is still more than a match for the younger generation with some outstanding performances in his new role, sharing fourth place with Fulham's Ray Houghton.

The former West Ham youngster was regarded as the best free transfer signing of the season as he produced a string of impressive performances as Fulham went within a whisker of achieving promotion for the second successive season.

Although down in 14th place overall, Wolves' character John Burridge was the division's top goalkeeper with an average mark of 6.97.



SECOND DIVISION MATCHMEN OF THE MONTH

HERE's your check on who won the monthly awards last season:

SEPTEMBER — Jeff Clarke (Newcastle) 7.71

OCTOBER — Martin Dobson (Burnley) ... 8.00

NOVEMBER — Peter Reid (Bolton) 8.33

DECEMBER — Vince Hilaire (C Palace) 8.00

JANUARY — Billy Hamilton (Burnley).... 8.00

FEBRUARY — Steve Fallon (Cambridge)

and Allan Simonsen

(Charlton) 7.33

MARCH — Archie Gemmill (Derby)..... 8.20

APRIL — Carl Harris (Charlton)..... 7.66

MATCH ALL-STARS

THE Match Weekly XI — chosen from the top players in our ratings.

BURRIDGE
(Wolves)

CLARKE
(Newcastle)

DROY
(Chelsea)

FUTCHER
(Oldham)

GRAY E
(Leeds)

GEMMILL **BANNON** **HOUGHTON**
(Derby) (Carlisle) (Fulham)

KEEGAN **DAVIES** **WALKER**
(Newcastle) (Fulham) (Chelsea)

GOALKEEPERS

- 1 John Burridge (Wolves) ..6.97
- 2 Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle).....6.80
- 3 Jim McDonagh (Bolton).....6.76
- 4 John Lukic (Leeds).....6.75
- 5 Gary Pierce (Barnsley).....6.72
- 6 Bob Bolder (Sheff Wed).....6.71
- 6 Steve Ogrizovic (Shr'b'y) 6.71
- 8 Jim Platt (Middlesbro).....6.69
- 9 Steve Francis (Chelsea).....6.67
- 10 Peter Hucker (QPR)6.66

DEFENDERS

- 1 Jeff Clarke (Newcastle).....7.23
- 2 Eddie Gray (Leeds).....7.19
- 3 Paul Futcher (Oldham)7.16
- 4 Micky Droy (Chelsea).....7.03
- 5 Bob Hazell (QPR).....6.89
- 6 Kenny Clements (Oldham).....6.86
- 7 Mick McCarthy (B'nsley) ..6.82
- 8 Jackie Ashurst (Carlisle).....6.80
- 9 Martin Dobson (Burnley).....6.78
- 9 Roger Brown (Fulham).....6.78

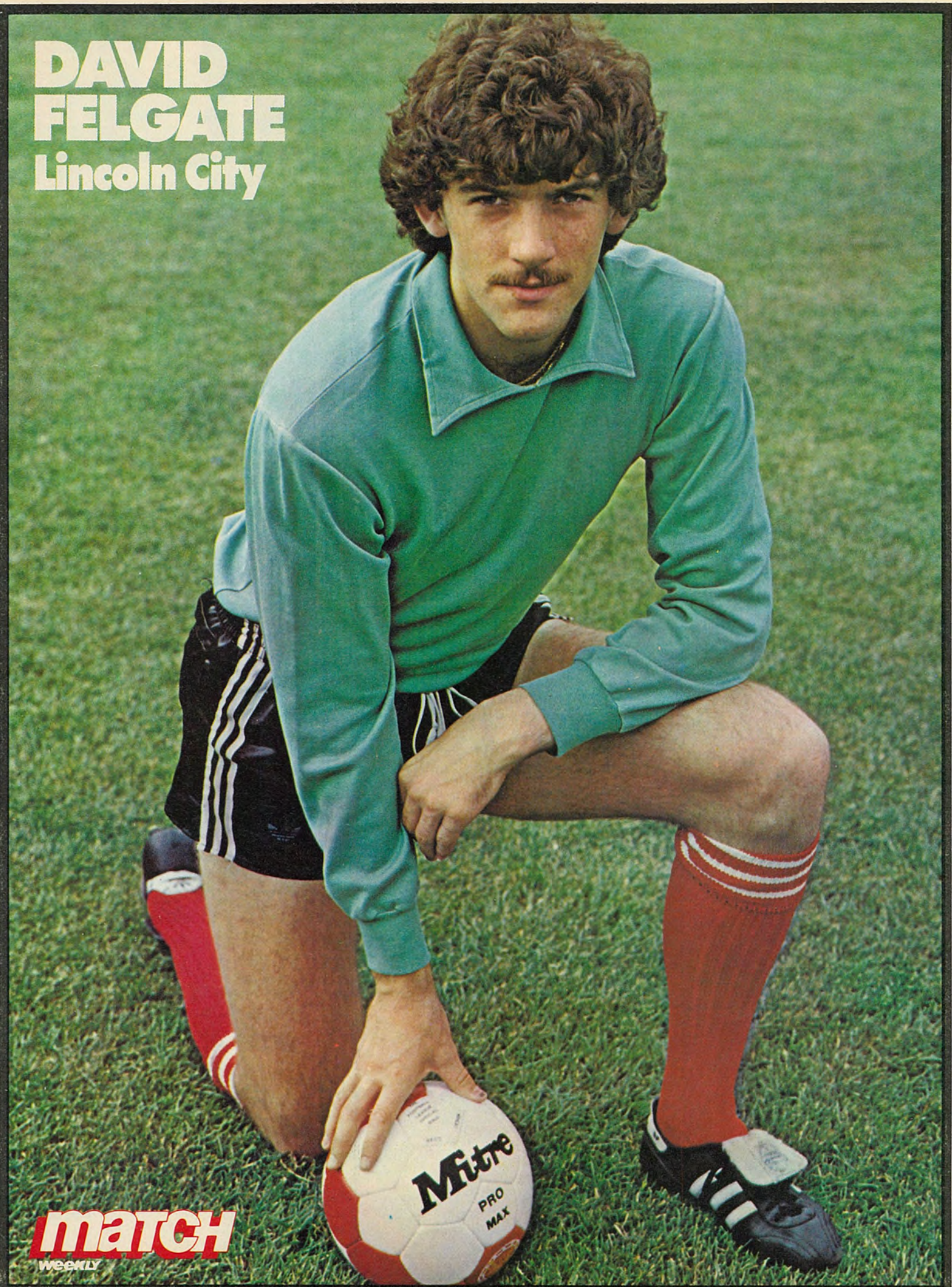
MIDFIELD

- 1 Archie Gemmill (Derby) ...7.64
- 2 Ray Houghton (Fulham).....7.19
- 3 Paul Bannon (Carlisle).....7.16
- 4 Vince Hilaire (C Palace).....6.97
- 5 Gary Waddock (QPR).....6.93
- 6 Gerry Gow (Rotherham) ..6.91
- 7 Gary Megson (Sheff W).....6.90
- 8 Joe Waters (Grimsby).....6.87
- 8 Terry McDermott (Newcastle).....6.87
- 10 Kevin MacDonald (Leicester).....6.83

STRIKERS

- 1 Kevin Keegan (Newcastle).....7.32
- 2 Gordon Davies (Fulham).....7.13
- 3 Clive Walker (Chelsea).....7.08
- 4 Gary Lineker (Leicester).....7.05
- 5 Gary Bannister (Sheff W) 7.00
- 5 David Swindlehurst (Derby).....7.00
- 7 Alan Brown (Shrewsbury) 6.86
- 8 Billy Hamilton (Burnley).....6.84
- 9 Steve Bell (Middlesbro).....6.80
- 9 Carl Harris (Charlton).....6.80

**DAVID
FELGATE**
Lincoln City



match
WEEKLY

Wales silence the samba beat!



THE colourful Brazilian fans brought a carnival atmosphere to Milnan Park... but the party ended after just four minutes of the match when Welsh midfield dynamo Bryan Flynn put his side into the lead. Brazil pulled a goal back in the second half, but rarely showed the dazzling football which has become their trademark in recent years and were lucky to leave South Wales with a draw.

Above: The Brazilian side which promised so much but gave so little. Only a controversial goal by substitute Paulo Isidoro mid-way through the second half saved the former World Champions' blushes and denied the Welsh a deserved victory.

Right: An agonising moment for Welsh forward Gordon Davies as he sees his shot (ob over keeper Leao's crossbar. Only seconds before, a Jeremy Charles' header hit the post with the Brazilian defence all at sea.



JOIN THE MATCH WEEKLY TREASURE TRAIL

MATCH WEEKLY is inviting you to search for hidden treasure in a super new game that's proved an instant success with fans everywhere.

The treasure at the end of the trail is a Sinclair Spectrum home computer, complete with a Football Manager program.

And there are hundreds of other super prizes to be won as the four-week game unfolds.

But Treasure Trail is exciting to play even if you don't win. So why not join in the fun now.

Here's how you play: To discover the treasure you must find your way to four different football grounds in the Football League by studying a series of clues.

The clues for the first ground appeared last week — but don't worry if you missed that issue. Just write to Match Weekly Treasure Trail, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough, enclosing a cheque or postal order for 38p payable to Match Weekly and we will send you one.

This week's clues appear in the Treasure Trail Entry Form below. All four clues will lead you to the same ground.

When you think you have the answer write it in the space provided, cut out the form and keep it safe with your completed form from last week's issue.

You will need to keep all four coupons to win that Super Sinclair computer.

Each week clue four will be a

and win a Sinclair Spectrum Computer

mystery player clue. And not only will it help you identify the ground, it also gives you the chance to win bonus treasure.

Last week we asked you to telephone us if you knew the player. But we know that lots of you were disappointed because you couldn't get through on the busy 'hotline', so this week we want you to send your answer to the mystery player on a postcard to Match Weekly Treasure Trail, Postal Poser, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough.

Get your postcards (a letter will do) to us by first post Tuesday, June 28. The first 20 correct cards picked out of the total mailbag received up to then will each win a pocket radio. The next 30 correct cards each wins a pack of programmes.

Don't worry if your postcard is not successful. You could still win the computer.



A treasure chest of prizes — pocket radios, packs of programmes and a Sinclair Spectrum home computer with Football manager program.



TREASURE TRAIL ENTRY FORM

Clue 1: You could be forgiven for thinking this ground is in America!

Clue 2: The 'Doc' spent some time here.

Clue 3: One of this year's Cup finalists came to this ground on their way to Wembley.

Clue 4: This player is currently a member of the team that plays here.



The name of the ground is

.....
.....

POSTAL POSER

IF YOU know the identity of the mystery player in Clue 4 (see the picture on the left), write his name on a postcard, together with your own name, age and full address and send it to Match Weekly Treasure Trail, Postal Poser, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DZ.

Entries must arrive no later than first post on Tuesday, June 28. The first 20 correct cards picked out of the mailbag on Tuesday morning will each win a pocket radio. The next 30 correct cards each wins a pack of programmes.

If you haven't got a postcard handy, a letter will do.

IMPORTANT

KEEP this completed entry form safe, together with the form from last week's issue. You'll need them to win the Sinclair Spectrum home computer (16K). Look out for another Treasure Trail in next week's Match Weekly... the magazine where the action never stops.

STAR VIEW

No 8 CHARLIE NICHOLAS V IAN RUSH

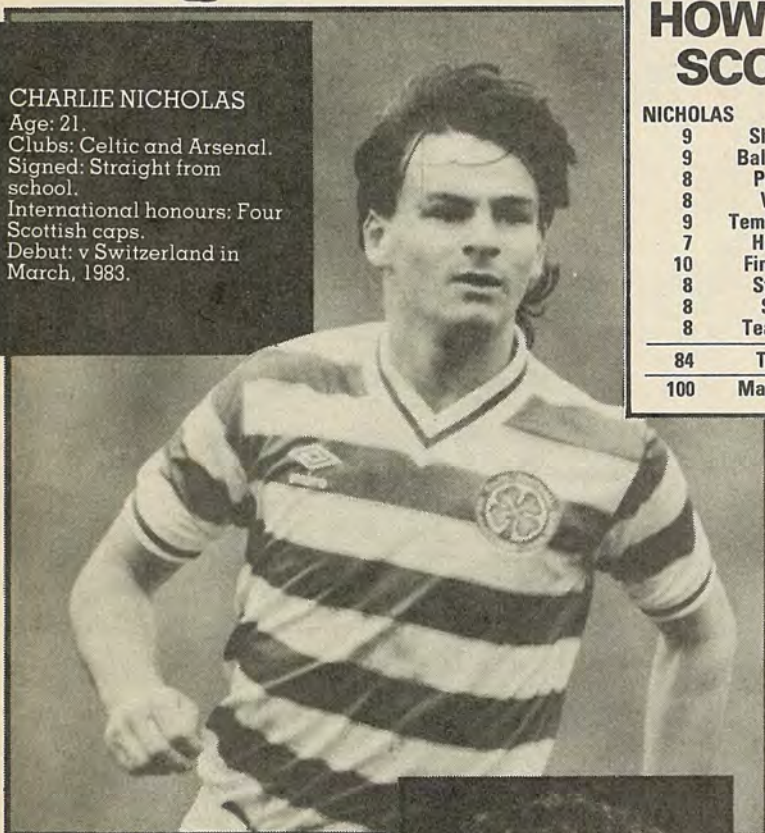
THIS week new Arsenal signing Charlie Nicholas and Liverpool's goal machine Ian Rush comes under the 'Star View' microscope.

Both players have proved to be prolific scorers over the last couple of seasons, but who's the best? The verdict comes from Rangers' Northern Ireland international John McClelland, who has played against both Charlie and Ian on numerous occasions over the last few seasons.

Don't miss 'Star View' every week in 'Match' — it's the series that's got everyone talking...

CHARLIE NICHOLAS

Age: 21.
Clubs: Celtic and Arsenal.
Signed: Straight from school.
International honours: Four Scottish caps.
Debut: v Switzerland in March, 1983.



HOW THEY SCORED

NICHOLAS		RUSH
9	Shooting	9
9	Ball control	8
8	Passing	8
8	Vision	9
9	Temperament	9
7	Heading	8
10	Finishing	10
8	Stamina	9
8	Speed	9
8	Teamwork	9
84	TOTAL	88
100	Maximum	100

IAN RUSH

Age: 21.
Clubs: Chester and Liverpool.
Signed: 1977 straight from school.
International honours: 12 Welsh caps.
Debut: v Scotland, May 1980.



CHARLIE Nicholas and Ian Rush are the most lethal finishers around... their records speak for themselves.

The England-bound Scot scored an incredible 51 League and cup goals for Celtic last season, while Ian notched up 30 for the second year running.

They are both natural goalscorers, but with different styles. Charlie is more artistic than the Welshman, who is a deadly marksman.

Ian has proved over the last two years that he can score goals consistently in the English First Division... Charlie has to do that next season with Arsenal.

But I'm sure he'll be equal to the task and, although it won't happen overnight, he will soon produce the form which made him the most wanted player in Britain.

He's very quick in and around the box and only needs half a yard of space to strike. He's not the best player in the air, but more than makes up for it on the ground.

Charlie was in tremendous form last season and it seemed that everything he did turned to gold. I was very impressed with him.

He tends to drift out of games when his side is not playing very well, but that is the time you have



John McClelland says

to be on your guard when you're marking him. He has the ability to do something unexpected and suddenly turn the game.

I enjoy playing against him because it's a great challenge... you can't afford to leave him alone for a second.

Like many people north of the border I was quite surprised that Charlie decided to leave Celtic and try his luck in England.

I thought he should have probably spent another season or two in Scotland before making the move, but it's his decision and he obviously feels it's the right time to go.

He has now revealed that he will be signing for Arsenal and I'm sure he will do well there, although it may take him some time to settle in.

At Highbury he will form a new partnership with England international Tony Woodcock and I hope they hit it off because they will be very exciting to watch.

He is obviously going to be a marked man and Terry Butcher and Graham Roberts gave him a taste of what he's likely to get when Scotland played England at Wembley recently.

But although he didn't do himself justice that night, Charlie will be able to handle the tight marking once he settles in at his new club.

Charlie had the chance to sign for Liverpool where he would have teamed up with Ian Rush — and that could have been quite a formidable partnership.

Ian is a tremendous player and probably one of the best strikers I've played against. He's very quick, strong and a clinical

finisher.

I played against Ian a few years ago when he was at Chester and I was still at Mansfield, and I could tell then that he was going to go a long way.

He was a bit raw, but the potential was there and playing in a successful side like Liverpool has really brought the best out of him.

Ian has done marvellously well to establish himself at Anfield and he's proved to be the perfect partner for Kenny Dalglish. He works very hard and not only does he score a lot of goals, but he creates many for other players.

He has a great turn of speed which makes him a very difficult player to mark. Defenders don't like fast forwards who run at them... and that's what Ian's good at.

Overall I think the Liverpool striker has the edge over Charlie because of his all-round ability. He is a perfect team man whereas Charlie is more of an individual whose job has been solely to score goals.

But the talented Scot has gone to England to finish his football education and I think it will bring the best out of him... I can't wait to see the end product.

STAR GALLERY



Tracy Lawrance of Nottingham thinks that Sunderland's Frank Worthington is a very exciting player to watch and says he does not get all the publicity he deserves.



Fourteen-year-old Andy Green of West Bromwich sent us this picture of Gordon Cowans of Aston Villa. "He holds the ball well and he is very calm," says Andy.



DRAW a picture of your favourite footballer and you could win a fabulous soccer card game!

'Big League' is an exciting new game normally played by 2-6 people — the object being to form a team of 11 players. But you can also amuse yourself by playing 'Big League' patience.

It's a game approved by the Football League and all you have to do to stand a chance of winning one is send in your drawing together with a sentence saying why your chosen player deserves a place in 'Star Gallery'.

The sender of each drawing published is a winner!

Write to: 'Star Gallery', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

This picture of young centre-half Martyn Bennett was drawn by Ajisola Akintoroye of Nigeria, who says the West Brom star is a very good centre-half.



Liverpool's Ian Rush is simply the best centre-forward in the First Division, says, Darran Rothan of Derby.

MASKED MAN



CAN you identify the masked man enjoying reading the country's top football magazine? Don't miss next week's 'Match' for the answer.

● Last week's 'Masked Man' was Nottingham Forest's Paul Hart.

FILL IN THE SCORES

CAN you fill in the missing scores from the last four England v Scotland matches?

1983 England v Scotland

1982 Scotland v England

1981 England v Scotland

1980 Scotland v England

Player Jumble

CAN you unravel the jumble of letters to find the name of a Welsh player who had the Brazilians in a dance?

YNBRNIANLF

SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER: 1 Bryan Robson and Gordon Cowans: 2 Billy Thomson; 3 Gordon Davies; 4 0-0; 5 Graham Roberts; 6 Alan Brazil and Andy Gray; 7 Gerry Mullian; 8 0-0; 9 He was substituted; 10 Wales. **MIDDLE TIME:** Brian Flynn, Peterborough; Sean McDaid, Glenrothes, Fife; Ian Down, Leighton Buzzard; Andrew Dunne, Edenthorpe, Doncaster; Steve Ambridge, Enfield Lock, Middlesex; Terry Morrison, Redditch; Steve Legg, Bournemouth; Frank Watson, Middlesbrough; K. Hocking, Carlton, Nottingham.

MATCH WINNERS

SHIRTS autographed by Match Weekly columnists Steve Coppell, Gordon Strachan and Glenn Hoddle are on the way to the following winners in our June 4 'Mystery Personality' competition.

The answer was Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper and the three lucky winners are: Judith Chapman, of Chilwell, Nottingham; John Lewis, Rayleigh, Essex, and David Jackson, Spennymoor.

The following ten runners-up each receive a Mitre Mouldmaster football: Alex Quinn, Glasgow; Dale Martin, Warrington, Peterborough; Sean McDaid, Glenrothes, Fife; Ian Down, Leighton Buzzard; Andrew Dunne, Edenthorpe, Doncaster; Steve Ambridge, Enfield Lock, Middlesex; Terry Morrison, Redditch; Steve Legg, Bournemouth; Frank Watson, Middlesbrough; K. Hocking, Carlton, Nottingham.

READY. TEDDY. GO!

Spot the differences
and you can win a
teddy in your team's
colours.

TEN BEARS MUST BE WON

WIN a super Match Weekly teddy bear!

We've got ten of these high quality, machine-washable bears to give away in this week's easy-to-enter competition.

The bears are manufactured by Wintoy of Birmingham and cost around £5.

They make a super football souvenir — especially as we'll dress the bear in the colours of your favourite team — or a great gift for anyone in the family who is still young at heart.

All you have to do to stand a chance of winning one of these

special prizes is to take a careful look at the two cartoons (below, right).

They may look identical at first glance but there are ten deliberate differences.

Just circle the differences with a pen on cartoon B, fill in the entry form, stating your name, address and favourite team, and send it off to:

Teddy bear competition, Match Weekly, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

Entries must reach us by Friday, July 1, and the results will be announced in our July 16 issue.

The senders of the first ten correct entries pulled out of the Match Weekly postbag will each receive a teddy bear dressed in the colours of their favourite team.



BRAIN TEASER

ENGLAND recently retained the British Championship, but how good is your memory of some of those games? Here's a little brain teaser for you.

- 1 Who scored England's goals against Scotland?
- 2 Who was the Scottish goalkeeper against Northern Ireland?
- 3 Who scored the Wales winner against Northern Ireland?
- 4 What was England's score against Northern Ireland?
- 5 Who made his England debut against the Irish?
- 6 Who scored Scotland's two goals in Wales?
- 7 Who was the only Irish-based player in the N. Ireland team against Scotland?

8 What was the result between Scotland and Northern Ireland?

9 What happened to Charlie Nicholas at Wembley?

10 Who finished bottom of the international table?

MATCH 'EM UP

CAN you match up the players on the left with the new clubs they'll be playing for next season situated on the right?

- 1 Billy Stark
- 2 John Lacy
- 3 Dave Bamber
- 4 Mark Hateley
- 5 John Devine

- a) Norwich
- b) Aberdeen
- c) Portsmouth
- d) C. Palace
- e) Coventry

PICTURE PUZZLER

THE three players pictured below all have one thing in common. Do you know what it is?



Name
Address

Club

BILLY Stark spoke this week of his surprise move to Aberdeen and declared: "I want to get my hands on some medals."

In eight years at St. Mirren Billy collected just one major honour — a First Division Champions' medal in 1977 — but now he hopes his fortunes will change.

"Aberdeen have established themselves as the number one club in Scotland and I have a great chance to start picking up some honours with them," says the 26-year-old striker.

"It's a dream move for me when you take into consideration what the club achieved last season and how they overshadowed the Glasgow giants, Celtic and Rangers.

"I'm sorry to be leaving St Mirren after eight happy years, but I needed a fresh start and couldn't have picked a better club than Aberdeen."

And Billy believes that playing for 'The Dons' could also boost his chances of making Jock Stein's Scottish squad.

He says: "Obviously playing for a bigger club I'm going to be in the spotlight more than I was at St Mirren."

I want to get my hands on some medals.

"It's every professional's ambition to play for his country, but if that happens it will be a bonus, because all I'm concerned about at the moment is establishing myself in the Aberdeen side.

"And that's not going to be easy because they have such a strong pool of players — many of whom are internationals.

"But manager Alex Ferguson has told me that I have the same chance of being picked as everyone else in the squad and it's up to me to show what I can do."

Ironically it was the Aberdeen boss who helped Billy launch his soccer career eight years ago when he was in charge of St. Mirren.

Recalls Billy: "I was playing for a local side — Anniesland Waverley — and he came along to watch me and signed me on.

"I worked with him at Love Street for three years and he had a great influence on me during that time. He always encouraged me and taught me a lot.

"I felt then he was a great manager and he has proved that, in the way he has transformed Aberdeen into the top Scottish team.

"I have the utmost respect for him and the fact that he's in charge of Aberdeen influenced my decision to sign.

"I knew that he thought quite a lot of me as a player, but it was still a great surprise when he came in to buy me."

The team that pipped Aberdeen to the Premier Division title, Dundee United, also put in a bid for Billy but couldn't match the 'Dons' offer.

Says Billy: "I didn't know of Dundee United's interest until after I signed for Aberdeen. But given the choice I would have gone for the 'Dons'."



Billy Stark — heading for the top with Aberdeen.

BOUNTY HUNTER BILLY!

Stark aims to strike it rich with Aberdeen

"It was nice to know that two of the country's top clubs wanted to sign me and I hope to prove Alex Ferguson right for paying £70,000 for my services."

Billy says he was getting into a rut at St. Mirren and felt the time was right for a change. "Eight years is a long time to stay at one club and I needed a fresh challenge," he says.

"No disrespect to the club, I was very happy there and I'll always be grateful to them for the kind way they treated me... it was a sad day when I went to pick my bags up for the last time.

"There will always be a place in my heart for St. Mirren and they will be the first team I look for when the results come up on

Saturday afternoons.

"But there was no way I could turn down a move to a big club like Aberdeen and such was the financial situation at St. Mirren that they really needed the money.

"My contract was due to expire at the end of this month and I was waiting for St. Mirren to make me a new offer, but in my own mind I knew a move would be the best thing for me.

"I'm a very ambitious person and want to win things and my chances of doing that are far greater at Aberdeen than St. Mirren."

Billy did come close to picking up a medal last season. St. Mirren reached the Semi-Final of the Scottish FA Cup only to lose to

Rangers after a replay.

"That was bitterly disappointing because we really deserved to win the first game," he recalls.

"Overall we had quite a good season, but although we did well in the cup competitions we were never in contention for the League title.

"That's often been the case at St. Mirren and I can't really see that changing in the near future."

Billy admits that a move to England would have appealed to him and says: "If an English club had made an offer for me I would have seriously considered it.

"I think most players in Scotland would like the chance to play for an English club and I'm no exception.

"But I am very impressed with Aberdeen and the professional way it is run and I'm sure I have made the right decision.

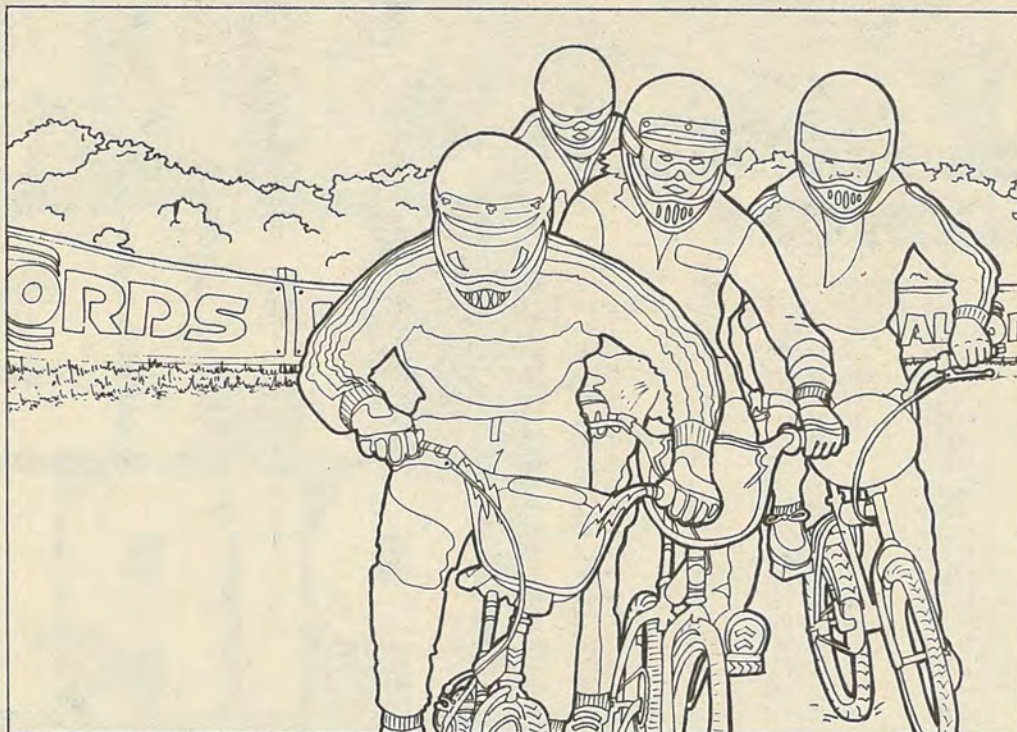
"They had a tremendous season winning the Scottish Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup and with so many good youngsters at the club, I think they will stay at the top for a while yet.

"There are many good players there and I particularly admire Peter Weir who I played with at St. Mirren. I know him very well and that should help me settle in at the club."

Billy believes that playing alongside top class players at Pittodrie will improve his own game and hopefully bring him international honours to add to the one Under-21 cap he gained five years ago.

"When I won my first cap I thought there might be a few more to come, but unfortunately it didn't work out that way. Now I have another chance to prove myself and the future looks very exciting."

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DIVISION ONE

	Total gate	Average	1982-83 League pos.	Total gate	1981-82 League pos.	Difference
*Watford	408,534	19,454	2	307,261	2	+101,273
*Norwich	371,238	17,678	14	297,844	3	+73,394
Stoke	349,167	16,627	13	307,335	18	+41,832
*Luton	282,492	13,452	18	249,497	1	+32,995
Liverpool	731,514	34,834	1	736,280	1	-4,766
Birmingham	333,480	15,880	17	359,453	16	-25,973
Arsenal	507,192	24,152	10	535,370	5	-28,178
Notts County	215,544	10,264	15	244,178	15	-28,634
West Brom	320,355	15,255	11	352,499	17	-32,144
Ipswich	413,196	19,676	9	460,435	2	-47,239
Nottm Forest	374,346	17,826	5	418,686	12	-47,340
Sunderland	364,413	17,353	16	411,765	19	-47,352
Coventry	220,059	10,479	19	275,099	14	-55,040
Man. United	873,033	41,573	3	935,983	3	-62,950
Southampton	393,057	18,717	12	458,537	7	-65,480
Aston Villa	498,792	23,752	6	564,388	11	-65,596
Brighton	308,364	14,684	22	383,132	13	-74,768
West Ham	478,254	22,774	8	558,284	9	-80,030
Everton	426,510	20,310	7	518,147	8	-91,637
Tottenham	643,545	30,645	4	737,096	4	-93,551
Swansea	245,301	11,681	21	382,745	6	-137,444
Man. City	562,632	26,792	20	715,332	10	-152,700

TOTAL FOR THE SEASON: 9,321,018.

Down: 1,099,775 (lowest since last war).

*Promoted the previous season.

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DIVISION THREE

	Total gate	Average	1982-83 League pos.	Total gate	1981-82 League pos.	Difference
Portsmouth	323,311	14,057	1	196,510	13	+126,801
Huddersfield	213,049	9,263	3	155,154	17	+57,895
†Cardiff	161,529	7,023	2	117,049	20	+44,480
Brentford	152,145	6,615	9	130,935	8	+21,210
Bristol Rovers	142,393	6,191	7	128,794	15	+13,599
Lincoln	109,227	4,749	6	97,113	4	+12,114
Newport	108,330	4,710	4	102,548	16	+5,782
Bournemouth	131,629	5,723	14	136,468	4	-4,839
Plymouth	104,236	4,532	8	110,219	10	-5,983
Oxford	125,948	5,476	5	134,562	5	-8,614
Exeter	77,487	3,369	19	88,729	18	-11,242
Walsall	74,566	3,242	10	86,122	20	-11,556
Preston	113,574	4,938	16	126,425	14	-12,851
*Bradford	111,136	4,832	12	124,004	2	-12,868
Millwall	92,713	4,031	17	106,387	9	-13,674
Reading	75,141	3,267	21	92,403	12	-17,262
Gillingham	95,381	4,147	13	120,546	6	-25,165
†Wrexham	62,330	2,710	22	90,390	21	-28,060
†Orient	62,698	2,726	20	92,805	22	-30,107
*Wigan	102,097	4,439	18	134,313	3	-32,216
Chesterfield	74,773	3,251	24	109,304	11	-34,531
Doncaster	80,868	3,516	23	120,393	19	-39,525
Southend	75,417	3,279	15	116,901	7	-41,484
*Sheff. United	271,538	11,806	11	342,505	1	-70,967

TOTAL FOR THE SEASON: 2,941,516.

Increase of 104,601.

* Promoted the previous season.

† Relegated the previous season.

DIVISION TWO

	Total gate	Average	1982-83 League pos.	Total gate	1981-82 League pos.	Difference
Newcastle	507,759	24,179	5	362,797	9	+144,962
*Fulham	227,556	10,836	4	159,572	3	+67,984
Derby	285,579	13,599	13	248,381	16	+37,269
*Burnley	189,084	9,004	21	159,535	1	+29,549
*Carlisle	124,803	5,943	15	101,418	2	+23,385
Shrewsbury	110,775	5,275	9	95,981	18	+14,794
Charlton	151,053	7,193	17	139,619	13	+11,434
†Wolves	329,343	15,683	2	320,090	21	+9,253
Q.P.R.	268,926	12,806	1	264,055	5	+4,871
Oldham	146,601	6,981	7	147,481	11	-88
Bolton	157,752	7,512	22	159,540	19	-1,788
Chelsea	267,288	12,728	18	275,770	12	-8,482
C. Palace	206,808	9,848	14	217,996	15	-11,188
Cambridge	95,172	4,532	12	106,536	14	-11,364
Grimsby	162,645	7,745	19	176,527	17	-13,882
Blackburn	149,436	7,116	11	176,499	10	-27,063
Leicester	269,199	12,819	3	297,844	8	-28,623
Rotherham	174,636	8,316	20	206,992	7	-32,356
Sheff. Wed.	349,797	16,657	6	402,571	4	-52,774
Barnsley	258,720	12,320	10	317,050	6	-58,330
†Middlesbrough	210,231	10,011	16	281,668	22	-71,437
†Leeds	336,168	16,008	8	736,280	20	-128,123

TOTAL FOR THE SEASON: 4,979,331.

Increase of 228,868.

* Promoted the previous season.

† Relegated the previous season.

● **FOURTH** Division Hartlepool had the dubious distinction last season of having the lowest average home gate in the Football League of 1,369.

● **ONCE** again Manchester United boasted the biggest average home gate in the country of 41,573, nearly 7,000 ahead of champions Liverpool.

KEVIN Keegan brought the fans flocking back to Newcastle last season like some modern day Pied Piper.

The magnetic personality and infectious enthusiasm of the former England skipper paved the way for a Geordie revival that saw the Second Division club's gates increase by a massive 144,000 on the previous year.

Even though Newcastle's late surge failed to land them a ticket back to the big time, the little maestro's presence in the North East guaranteed that the St James' Park terraces lost that eerie look of recent times.

In a season when attendances throughout the Football League fell by more than one million — that's half the loss sustained last year if one is searching for a crumb of consolation — a third of the 92 clubs still managed to increase their attendances with Newcastle leading the way.

They averaged more than 24,000 last season, bettering the previous year's mark by more than 8,000 to prove that a star player in the Keegan mould offers an instant draw card.

But success doesn't guarantee more fans. League Champions Liverpool were nearly 5,000 down, while Manchester United,

GATES — the ups and the downs last season. Research by Melvyn Beck.

although still the best supported team in the land, lost more than 62,000 despite reaching Wembley twice and finishing third in the First Division.

United's poor old rivals Manchester City tumbled into the Second Division losing more than 152,000 customers on the way.

Relegated Swansea also slumped by more than 137,000, just a year after topping the Division One gates table with an increase of 105,000, an illustration there of the fluctuating fortunes of football.

Only four clubs, including the three promoted teams, Norwich, Watford and Luton, increased their attendances.

The exception was Stoke City whose early season promise encouraged more than 41,000 extra fans to filter through the Victoria Ground turnstiles.

Not surprisingly, Watford produced the biggest increase and over the past two seasons they have attracted 152,000 more supporters through their gates.

Nine clubs in the Second Division improved their gates, the Keegan roadshow probably being instrumental in that.

Even relegated Burnley were up by 29,000, and Derby, bottom of the table for so long until Peter Taylor waved his magic wand, had the third biggest increase in the division.

And no doubt Danish star Allan Simonsen was influential in the improvement of attendances at Charlton during his short stay at The Valley.

Third Division Champions Portsmouth had the second largest increase in the country — 126,000 — but their Fourth Division adversaries, Wimbledon, actually suffered a decrease even though they were relegated the previous season.

And what about Crewe who improved their attendances despite seeking re-election to the League once again.

Up in Scotland, all but three clubs in the Premier Division, including Glasgow giants Rangers, increased their attendances, with FA Cup winners Aberdeen leading the way with 79,000 extra fans.

That meant that more than 171,000 extra fans were attracted to Premier Division matches which is good news for the purse string holders north of the border.



Allan Simonsen — instrumental in attracting more fans to Charlton during his short stay.

Left: Kevin Keegan in typical jubilant mood.

KEEGAN

DIVISION FOUR

	Total gate	Average	1982-83 League pos.	Total gate	1981-82 League pos.	Difference
Hull	159,666	6,942	2	91,838	8	+67,828
Scunthorpe	82,202	3,574	4	51,327	23	+30,875
Port Vale	110,837	4,819	3	83,691	7	+27,146
York	74,243	3,243	7	54,283	17	+20,306
Northampton	59,685	2,595	15	53,036	22	+6,649
Tranmere	44,367	1,929	19	39,916	11	+4,451
Torquay	53,176	2,312	12	51,693	15	+1,483
Crewe	51,612	2,244	23	50,517	24	+1,095
Rochdale	38,847	1,689	20	42,259	21	-3,412
Aldershot	44,344	1,928	18	49,860	16	-5,516
†Wimbledon	54,142	2,354	1	59,702	21	-5,560
Stockport	52,969	2,303	16	58,583	18	-5,614
†Chester	43,769	1,903	13	49,917	24	-6,148
Colchester	58,696	2,552	6	65,767	6	-7,071
Hereford	51,382	2,234	24	59,616	10	-8,234
Mansfield	53,176	2,312	10	61,749	20	-8,573
Bury	71,116	3,092	5	81,830	9	-10,714
Halifax	44,275	1,925	11	55,362	19	-11,087
Hartlepool	31,487	1,369	22	47,256	14	-15,769
Darlington	33,442	1,454	17	57,720	13	-24,278
Blackpool	69,046	3,002	21	97,142	12	-28,096
†Bristol City	107,985	4,695	14	149,754	23	-41,769
†Swindon	91,862	3,994	8	133,972	22	-42,110
Peterborough	64,285	2,795	9	108,055	5	-43,770

TOTAL FOR THE SEASON: 1,546,957
Down by 451,833.

† Relegated the previous season.

● THE biggest League crowd last season was 57,397 at Old Trafford to see Manchester United's 1-1 draw with Liverpool in February.

● THE lowest League gate last season was 912 for Halifax's home game against Tranmere in Division Four. Hartlepool and Darlington also had an attendance below 1,000 last season.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

	Total gate	Average	1982-83 League pos.	Total gate	1981-82 League pos.	Difference
Aberdeen	280,580	15,587	3	201,242	2	+79,338
*Motherwell	117,272	6,515	8	68,881	1	+48,391
Dundee Utd	200,429	11,134	1	170,921	4	+29,508
*Kilmarnock	63,850	3,547	10	51,098	2	+12,752
Celtic	427,483	23,749	2	415,595	1	+11,888
Morton	83,520	4,640	9	73,211	7	+10,309
Dundee	138,378	7,687	6	136,268	8	+2,110
Rangers	311,346	17,297	4	314,200	3	-2,854
Hibernian	130,370	7,242	7	138,600	6	-8,238
St Mirren	110,373	6,131	5	122,160	5	-11,787

TOTAL FOR SEASON: 1,863,601. Increase of 171,417. * Promoted the previous season.

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FEW players proved a bigger attraction to the fans in Scotland last year than Charlie Nicholas and he is number five in 'Masterclass' — the great colour series that gives you a chance to win a fabulous video recorder!

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match weekly masterclass

THE art of scoring goals is as valuable to a team as a Rembrandt painting to a gallery.

Goals are a priceless commodity in an age where improving defensive techniques have tended to smother the burning ambitions of strikers.

Glittering contemporaries in this so vital aspect of football, like Jimmy Greaves, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton, were synonymous with goals.

They left classic footsteps to follow and there have been few players in recent times capable of filling them.

But there is one young man who could emerge as a kind of Cinderella to fit those moulds to perfection.

That's 21-year-old Charlie Nicholas, the most wanted man since Jesse James, who aims to seek his fame and fortune South of the border with Arsenal after learning his trade at Celtic.

Hailed as the new Kenny Dalglish, the superb artist he drooled over on the Parkhead terraces as a schoolboy, Charlie barely did himself justice on his first appearance at Wembley in Scotland's disappointing 2-0 defeat by England earlier this month.

But in two full seasons in the Scottish Premier Division, with a broken leg forming an unappetising sandwich filling, he has proved that he has that rare gift and flair in front of goal that so many teams and strikers envy.

He has scored 46 goals in 68 Premier Division appearances in the famous green and white hoops of Celtic and, although ten of them have come via the penalty spot, it still represents an impressive striking rate.

Add to that tally a further 29 in domestic Cup matches, and it's not surprising that so many of England's leading clubs battled for his signature.

Charlie rather modestly accepts that luck



CRAIG PATERSON

RANGERS' central defender Craig Paterson witnessed at first hand last season the kind of destruction Charlie Nicholas can cause and will probably be pleased that he won't be facing the 'Tartan Terror' next term.

"I don't think anyone will need worry that Charlie won't produce the goods in England," he says.

"He has proved himself against the best teams in Scotland and he has the ability to cause problems anywhere.

"He's very unpredictable in the way he can produce something very special.

"I feel he's at his most dangerous when he goes deep in search of the ball and finds the space to run at defenders."

and the quality service from his team-mates are two of the more important ingredients behind his success story.

"Goalscoring is not something that you can work on. I suppose in many ways it's like a gift, but you have to rely on a certain amount of luck and the assistance of your team-mates to make it count," he says.

"I've been scoring goals ever since I started playing in the local parks as a six-year-old and it continued when I began competitive football at the age of about nine.

"I suppose that little Jimmy Johnstone was something of an idol at that time, although in later years I became a fan of Kenny Dalglish as I stood on the terraces at Parkhead.

"I owed a lot to the staff at Celtic as I moved through the different ranks to reach the senior side in August 1980, but although you can work on different aspects of scoring in training, you can't really put scoring instincts into a player.

"It's having the knack of being in the right place at the right time.

"But when you are in goalscoring situations, you must have confidence.

"Goalkeepers shouldn't have a chance if you are about six yards out and you have got to get that to the forefront of your mind.

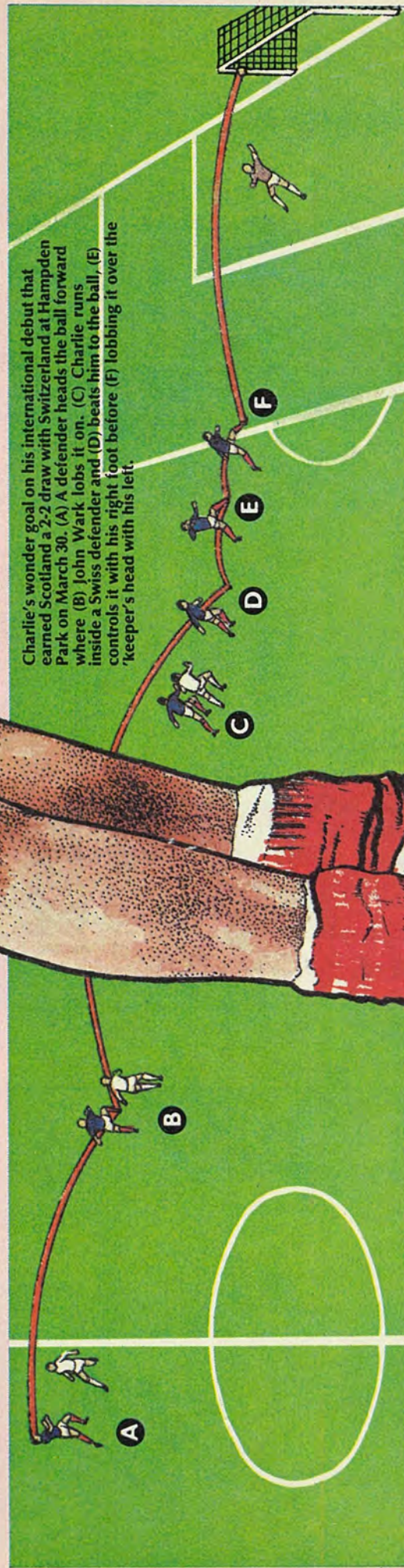
"You must have confidence in your ability, but it's also important not to allow yourself to get downhearted if you fail to score.

"So long as the team wins and you play well, then that's all that matters.

"I don't do anything specific in training. All teams practice shooting and heading during the course of a week's work. It's out there on a Saturday when it matters."



McGarry



Charlie's wonder goal on his international debut that earned Scotland a 2-2 draw with Switzerland at Hampden Park on March 30. (A) A defender heads the ball forward where (B) John Wark lobs it on. (C) Charlie runs inside a Swiss defender and (D) beats him to the ball. (E) controls it with his right foot before (F) lobbing it over the 'keeper's head with his left.

CHARLIE

NICHOLAS



Ralph Milne — scored 16 as Dundee United enjoyed a 90-goal glut.

TON-UP SCOTS!

GOALS: How many and who scored them in Scotland last season.

Scoring spree takes Scottish League by storm

DUNDEE United and Celtic, the top two teams in the Scottish Premier Division, led a goals charge North of the border last season.

They both clocked up 90 goals — a Premier Division record — as Scottish strikers in all three Divisions enjoyed a more profitable time.

The Scottish League total was up by more than 100 on the previous season with an increase of 31 in the Premier even though only United, Celtic and Aberdeen scored more goals.

It was mainly the dramatically improved firepower of new Champions Dundee United — they scored 29 more — that brought the top section a plus figure.

Davie Dodds, with 22, and 16-goal Ralph Milne were the principal performers as United took the title to Tannadice for the first time in their history.

Despite the goal-grabbing exploits of Charlie Nicholas, Celtic could only boast an extra 11 goals, while FA Cup holders Aberdeen increased their tally by five.

At the other end of the scale, Motherwell were down by no fewer than 53 goals, having discovered life a lot tougher and far less charitable than in the First Division, where they had swept to the title the previous season on a tide of 92 goals.

The biggest increase in the Scottish League came from First Division Raith who hit 33 more goals even though they only occupied a mid-table position, and there were also big

improvements by First Division Airdrie and Partick — relegated from the Premier last year — and Second Division Queen of the South.

Following Dundee United and Celtic home in the scoring stakes were Hearts, who will be joining the big boys next season after finishing runners-up to St Johnstone in the First Division.

Scottish youth international John Robertson topped the charts for them with 21 as Hearts accumulated 79 goals.

TOP TEN

The table below shows the top ten goalscoring teams in the Scottish League last season, where they finished in their respective divisions and what their goal totals were.

Team	League pos.	Goals
1 Dundee United	1st (Premier)	90
1 Celtic	2nd (Premier)	90
3 Hearts	2nd (First)	79
4 Arbroath	3rd (Second)	78
5 Brechin	1st (Second)	77
6 Aberdeen	3rd (Premier)	76
7 Queen of the South	7th (Second)	75
8 Clydebank	3rd (First)	72
9 East Fife	6th (Second)	68
10 Partick	4th (First)	66

PREMIER DIVISION

Team	Goals	Up or down on previous season
Dundee United	90	+29
Celtic	90	+11
Aberdeen	76	+5
Morton	30	-1
St Mirren	47	-2
Hibernian	35	-3
Dundee	42	-4
Rangers	52	-5
Kilmarnock	28	-32
Motherwell	39	-53
TOTAL: 529 (an increase of 31 on previous season)		

FIRST DIVISION

Team	Goals	Up or down on previous season
Raith	64	+33
Airdrie	62	+31
Partick	66	+31
Hearts	79	+14
Clydebank	72	+11
Queen's Park	44	+3
Hamilton	54	+2
Dumbarton	50	+1
Falkirk	45	-4
Dunfermline	39	-7
St Johnstone	59	-10
Ayr	45	-11
Alloa	52	-14
Clyde	55	-24
TOTAL: 786 (an increase of 33)		

SECOND DIVISION

Team	Goals	Up or down on previous season
Queen of the South	75	+31
East Fife	68	+20
Arbroath	78	+16
Brechin	77	+16
Stirling	57	+16
Meadowbank	64	+15
Stranraer	46	+10
Albion	55	+3
Cowdenbeath	54	+3
East Stirling	41	+3
Stenhousemuir	43	+2
Forfar	58	-1
Montrose	37	+12
Berwick	47	+19
TOTAL: 800 (an increase of 42)		

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David Richardson,
Borehamwood, Herts.

MY classroom poll to find the most popular player produced this result:

Bryan Robson (Man. Utd) 8 votes, Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) 6, Ray Wilkins (Man. Utd) 3, Paul Walsh (Luton) 2, Paul Mariner (Ipswich) 1, Norman Whiteside (Man. Utd) 1.
Matthew Carr, Chorlton cum Hardy, Manchester.

WATFORD will be a revelation in the UEFA Cup next season because their long ball game will catch out the Continental teams.

Inexperience is no handicap at this level as Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest showed in winning the European Cup, so come on the 'Hornets' — sting the Continent!

Henry Milburn,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

I WOULD like to ask why Remi Moses has not been picked to play for this country?

He is a hard tackling workhorse and easily a better all-round player than Gordon Cowans of Villa.

Remi was consistent for Manchester United last season but the glory was stolen by his fellow midfielders Bryan Robson and Ray Wilkins.

So come on Bobby Robson and give the United star a chance.
Simon Prosser (15), Shirley, West Midlands.



Remi Moses — should be picked by England.

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BRILLIANT BRAZILIANS!

I WAS interested watching the televised Cup Final between Brazilian clubs Santos and Flamengo when they showed a close-up of the pitch at Sao Paulo.

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Yet even in those conditions the players were able to control the ball brilliantly, pass accurately and cross the ball with pin point precision — something that a lot of English players cannot do even on excellent pitches.

Most English players would have moaned and refused to play on the pitch in question, but not the Brazilians.

Playing on that type of pitch every week might be the reason why the Brazilian national team is so skilful on good quality surfaces.

In addition, I would just like to point out that the cheapest seats to watch skilled players such as Zico and Junior cost the equivalent of 23p... about £5 cheaper than the cheapest seats for an England game?

Simon Chennell (13), Godalming, Surrey.

WHAT a refreshing change it is to see a Chairman and his board keep faith with a manager instead of taking the easy way out and sacking him.

I'm referring to the Chelsea board which has taken injuries and suspensions into consideration and given John Neal their full support despite Chelsea's disastrous season in which they were almost relegated.

Perhaps this will at last give some stability to a club which has had too many managers.

Ken Bates and Co. are a tribute to the game.

Keith Hughes, Millwall, London.

● Obviously Chelsea have learned their lesson from past experience...

I WOULD like to congratulate England manager Bobby Robson on the marvellous job he has done since taking over from Ron Greenwood.

I have one criticism though. He keeps chopping and changing the side around!

I would also like to congratulate him for bringing Glenn Hoddle into the side for the matches with Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Bobby should pick a team like this and stick with it:

Shilton, Neal, Sansom, Hoddle, Martin, Butcher, Robson, Wilkins, Woodcock, Francis, Barham. Subs: Clemence, Osman, Lee, Mabbutt, Mariner. Steven Howard, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

● He chopped and changed

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Grobelaar there would be no point in the Rush's of this world thumping goals in at the other end.

So why not show a little appreciation for the unsung heroes of the game. Let's hear it for defenders.

Tracy Watson (15), 24 Tollgate Road, Southam, Warks.

I WOULD like to pay tribute to the England side which beat Scotland 2-0 at Wembley in this year's British Championships.

Although I am a Scotland fan I have to admit England were by far the better side.

Every player played his part, especially Graham Roberts and Terry Butcher who dealt with Charlie Nicholas as if he wasn't there.

Laura Hooker (14), St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex.

● Charlie Nicholas was playing then!

HOW much longer will Gary Bailey have to wait for England's goalkeeping jersey?

In my opinion, if Bailey is to be England's 1986 World Cup 'keeper — as he is widely tipped to be — then he should be getting as much international experience as possible now.

Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence have had their day. England boss Bobby Robson should bring in Bailey to give him the right international grounding.

Laura Smith, Morpeth, Northumberland.

the side to bring Hoddle in! Seriously though, we were pleased too.

AS a Liverpool fan I was delighted to see them lift the Milk Cup and win the League Championship, but I am a little distraught that the strikers are getting all the praise.

If it wasn't for faithful defenders such as Phil Thompson, Phil Neal and Alan Hansen and newcomers such as Mark Lawrenson and Bruce

GOLDEN GOOF

The picture below shows a jubilant Leeds team celebrating their 1974 Championship win. Among them (third from the left) is that well known spelling mistake Gordon McQUEEN. Shouldn't it be McQUEEN?

Paul Lavery, West Cornforth, Durham.

● You're right. Good of 'U' to spot it. Bet Gordon wasn't too happy though...



I AM a 14-year-old Orient supporter who has just begun supporting the O's. I would like a pen pal of my own age who goes regularly to the ground and lives in the area.

I AM a 16-year-old who supports Middlesbrough and Tottenham and would very much like a pen pal, male or female, between the ages of 15 and 18 who attends Middlesbrough, Tottenham, or Man. Utd regularly. My favourite players are Bryan Robson, Glenn Hoddle and

**I AM a National serviceman of the Singapore armed forces, a Liverpool fan, and would very much like a pen pal from anywhere in the world.
Mr Segar, BLK 96, RM 14—C,
Henderson Road, Singapore,
0315.**

I WOULD like a pen pal of any age or sex who supports any team. I am 11-years-old and support Arsenal and Brentford.
Adrian Lewis, 268 Warton Road, Isleworth, Middlesex.

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PROGRAMME PARADE

THE name of Stoke City may not have the same glamorous worldwide appeal as Liverpool, Manchester United or Tottenham, but Peter Wood is spreading the Potteries' gospel in a little corner of America.

His apartment in North Hollywood is a shrine to the small First Division club.

It's a blaze of red and white which acts as the ideal backcloth to a collection of more than 2,300 Stoke programmes, along with hundreds of commemorative souvenirs.

And he drives around the streets of California making no secret of the fact that he's a Stoke fan — his personalised car number plate bears the inscription — Stoke FC.

But what makes this story of the long distance Stoke fan even more remarkable is that he was born in London and lived most of his teenage life in the St Albans area before moving to America with his wife Carla three years ago.

Yet he struck up this passion for the unfashionable Midlands club, and, despite being across the other side of the Atlantic, he still manages to collect their programmes and follow their fortunes with the aid of his regular copy of Match Weekly.

It all started back in 1965 when Peter visited some friends in Stoke: "I saw Stoke play Liverpool while I was up there and subsequent visits to the area fueled my interest in the club," explains the computer company manager who is a long-time member of the London Stoke Supporters' Club and a member of the Association of Football Statisticians.

"Some fond memories include a 4-3 win at West Ham in 1967 after being 0-3 down with twenty minutes left and a win over Leeds in the 1973-74 season which ended their undefeated run of 28 games.

"I never had the privilege of seeing Sir Stanley Matthews in action for the club, but I have vivid recollections of players like Denis Smith, Gordon Banks, John Ritchie, Peter Shilton and Jimmy Greenhoff."

Peter, who started collecting programmes in 1963 following a visit to the Boy's and Girl's Exhibition in London, needs only 32 more programmes to complete a set of Stoke home and away

from the last war.

And in addition to his Stoke collection he has around 1800 programmes of England internationals, Watford home and away and some from non-League sides St Albans and Dunstable.

"It never occurred to me not to continue collecting when I moved to America in January 1980. I enjoy the challenge of keeping my collection growing despite the distance, and I also collect statistics," he explains.

"In fact, a friend of mine in Cheshire and myself are collaborating on a book we hope to publish someday on the history of Stoke City.

"I receive regular programme lists from about eight dealers in England and I correspond regularly with other programme collectors.

"My very understanding parents handle all the forwarding of the programmes and keep the bank account straight when I send money orders home to them in St Albans."

Peter watched some North American Soccer action when he first moved to the States, but his interest has waned: "There is no longer any real interest in America in fact, both the teams based in Los Angeles closed down at the end of last season.

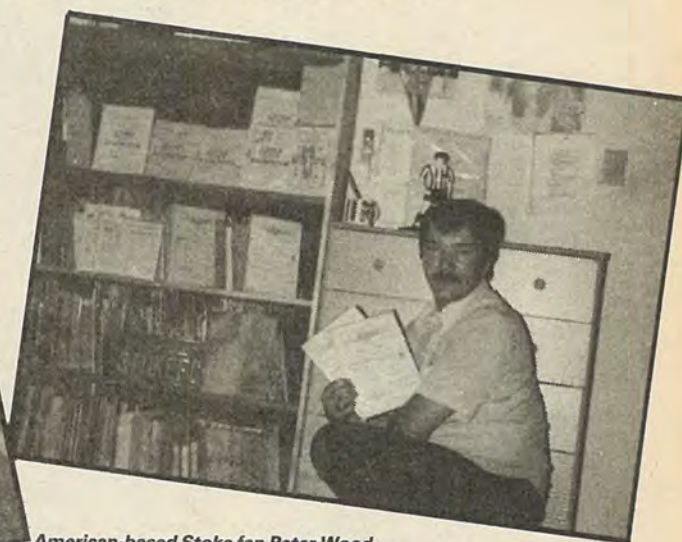
"I'm showing a little interest in the growing popularity of indoor soccer. The Mini-Indoor Soccer League appeals to many Americans because it's very fast."

It's nearly two years since Peter last saw his beloved Stoke in action and that was in a 2-3 defeat at West Ham, but his next visit to England is planned to coincide with the start of next season.



STATESIDE STOKE FAN

Hollywood Pete stays on the ball with Match



American-based Stoke fan Peter Wood shows off the number plate on his car and his bookcase full of programmes and souvenirs.

ASK THE EXPERT

1968-69 Man. United v Leicester (30p) — Bill Lyons, Cricklewood, London.

1957 FA Cup Final (£7), 1960 FA Cup Final (£4.50), 1964 FA Cup Final (£4), 1967 League Cup Final (£3), 1969 League Cup Final (40p), 1949 Burnley v Aston Villa (£2.25) — for Mark Russell, of Colchester.

1947 FA Cup Final (£25) — Andrew Brown, Burnley.

1974 European Cup Final (£12.50), 1975 European Cup Final (£7.50), 1950 to 1982 Scotland v England (from £5 down to 85p) — W. Aitkenhead, Grangemouth.

1966 Tottenham v Southampton (25p) — Gary Rumsey, Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

1955-56 Bradford Park Avenue v Derby (85p), 1957-58 Everton v Bolton (55p), 1958-59 Sheff. Wed. v Sunderland (50p), 1962-63 Sunderland v Gravesend (35p) — D. Harby, Buxton.

1973-74 UEFA Cup Final, first leg (75p), 1969 FA Cup Semi-Final (75p), 1969 League Cup Final (40p) — Amrik Thandi, Leicester.

OFFER: British and Irish internationals, European Cup Finals and League games from 1950.

WANTS: European Cup Finals from 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1973, 1974 and replay and 1975. Gary Spain, Coroin Mhuire, Lower Park, Corbally, Limerick, Lreland.

OFFER: 1978-79 Southend v Liverpool (FA Cup), 1980-81 QPR v Swansea, 1979-80 Chelsea v Leicester, 1979-80 Cambridge v Aston Villa (FA Cup), 1978-79 Tottenham v Chelsea, 1979-80 Orient v Swansea, 1978-79 Bournemouth v Port Vale.

WANTS: 1980 Arsenal v Valencia (Cup Winners' Cup Final) and 1981-82 Winterslag v Arsenal (UEFA Cup). Andrew Willis, 189 Milwards, Harlow, Essex.

OFFER: 1982-83 Malta v Eire, 1982-83 West Ham v Liverpool and 1978-79 West Ham v Burnley.

WANTS: 1982-83 Liverpool v Rotherham (Milk Cup) Charlie Mallia, 169 B'Kara Road, St Julians, Malta.

SWOPS

OFFER: 1974 FA Cup Final, 1979 England v Wales, one Feyenoord and one Newcastle. WANTS: 1982-83 Newcastle v Barnsley. Philip Greaves, 4 Kettle Park South, Bishopthorpe, York.

OFFER: Many varied League and Cup programmes. Three given for each 'want' received.

WANTS: Any of the following Liverpool away from 1982-83 — Birmingham, Arsenal, Swansea, Dundalk, Ipswich (League), West Ham, Helsinki, Stoke, Everton, Notts County, Blackburn, West Brom, Brighton and Man. City. Phil Bigwood, 7 Abbey Close, Hullbridge, Hockley, Essex.

OFFER: Sixty-eight Derby programmes, home and away, ranging from 1952-53 to 1967-68. WANTS: About the same number of Derby programmes from seasons 1971-72 and 1974-75. James Coleman, Biggin Grange, Hulland Ward, Derby.

How the Championship was won

Date	Opponents	Score	Att.
Aug 19	(h) Q.P.R.	2-1 (Dalglish, Heighway)	50,793
Aug 22	(a) Ipswich	3-0 (Dalglish 2, Souness)	28,114
Aug 26	(a) Man. City	4-1 (Souness 2, Kennedy R., Dalglish)	46,710
Sept 2	(h) Tottenham	7-0 (Dalglish 2, Johnson 2, Neal pen, Kennedy R., McDermott)	50,705
Sept 9	(a) Birmingham	3-0 (Souness 2, Kennedy A.)	31,740
Sept 16	(h) Coventry	1-0 (Souness)	51,130
Sept 23	(a) West Brom	1-1 (Dalglish)	38,000
Sept 30	(h) Bolton	3-0 (Case 3)	47,099
Oct 7	(a) Norwich	4-1 (Heighway 2, Johnson, Case)	25,632
Oct 14	(h) Derby	5-0 (Dalglish 2, Kennedy R. 2, Heighway)	47,745
Oct 21	(h) Chelsea	2-0 (Johnson, Dalglish)	45,775
Oct 28	(a) Everton	0-1	53,131
Nov 4	(h) Leeds	1-1 (McDermott pen)	51,657
Nov 11	(a) Q.P.R.	3-1 (Heighway, Kennedy R., Johnson)	26,626
Nov 18	(h) Man. City	1-0 (Neal pen)	47,765
Nov 22	(a) Tottenham	0-0	50,393
Nov 25	(h) Middlesbrough	2-0 (McDermott, Souness)	39,821
Dec 2	(a) Arsenal	0-1	51,902
Dec 9	(h) Nott'm Forest	2-0 (McDermott 2 (1 pen))	51,469
Dec 16	(a) Bristol City	0-1	28,722
Dec 26	(a) Man. United	3-0 (Kennedy R, Case, Fairclough)	54,940
Feb 3	(h) West Brom	2-1 (Dalglish, Fairclough)	52,111
Feb 13	(h) Birmingham	1-0 (Souness)	35,207
Feb 21	(h) Norwich	6-0 (Dalglish 2, Johnson 2, Kennedy A., Kennedy R.)	35,754
Feb 24	(a) Derby	2-0 (Dalglish, Kennedy R.)	27,859
Mar 3	(a) Chelsea	0-0	40,584
Mar 6	(a) Coventry	0-0	26,629
Mar 13	(h) Everton	1-1 (Dalglish)	52,352
Mar 20	(h) Wolves	2-0 (McDermott, Johnson)	39,695
Mar 24	(h) Ipswich	2-0 (Dalglish, Johnson)	43,243
Apr 7	(h) Arsenal	3-0 (Case, Dalglish, McDermott)	47,297
Apr 10	(a) Wolves	1-0 (Hansen)	30,857
Apr 14	(h) Man United	2-0 (Dalglish, Neal)	46,608
Apr 16	(a) Aston Villa	1-3 (Johnson)	44,029
Apr 21	(h) Bristol City	1-0 (Dalglish)	43,191
Apr 24	(a) Southampton	1-1 (Johnson)	23,181
Apr 28	(a) Nott'm Forest	0-0	41,898
May 1	(a) Bolton	4-1 (Kennedy R. 2, Johnson, Dalglish)	35,200
May 5	(h) Southampton	2-0 (Neal 2)	46,687
May 8	(h) Aston Villa	3-0 (Kennedy A., McDermott, Dalglish)	50,570
May 11	(a) Middlesbrough	1-0 (Johnson)	32,244
May 17	(a) Leeds	3-0 (Johnson 2, Case)	41,324

● Liverpool's score first in each case

FINAL DIVISION ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts.	P	W	D	L	F A Pts.	
Liverpool	42	19	2	0	51	4	11	6	4	34	12 68
Nottingham F	42	11	10	0	34	10	8	3	27	16	60
West Bromwich A	42	13	5	3	38	15	11	6	4	34	20 59
Everton	42	12	7	2	32	17	5	10	6	20	23 51
Leeds	42	11	4	6	41	25	7	10	4	29	27 50
Ipswich	42	11	4	6	34	21	9	5	7	29	28 49
Arsenal	42	11	8	2	37	18	6	6	9	24	30 48
Aston Villa	42	8	9	4	37	26	7	7	7	22	23 46
Manchester U	42	9	7	5	29	25	6	8	7	31	38 45
Coventry	42	11	7	3	41	29	3	9	9	17	39 44
Tottenham	42	7	8	6	19	25	6	7	8	29	36 41
Middlesbrough	42	10	5	6	33	21	5	5	11	24	29 40
Bristol C	42	11	6	4	34	19	4	4	13	13	32 40
Southampton	42	9	10	2	35	20	3	6	12	12	33 40
Manchester C	42	9	5	7	34	28	4	8	9	24	28 39
Norwich	42	7	10	4	29	19	0	13	8	22	38 37
Bolton	42	10	5	6	36	28	2	6	13	18	47 35
Wolverhampton W	42	10	4	7	26	26	3	4	14	18	42 34
Derby	42	8	5	8	25	25	2	6	13	19	46 31
Queen's Park R	42	4	9	8	24	33	2	4	15	21	40 25
Birmingham	42	5	9	7	24	25	1	1	19	13	39 22
Chelsea	42	3	5	13	23	42	2	5	14	21	50 20

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JIMMY Case scored some valuable goals during his glittering Liverpool career, but none was more financially rewarding than his '£50,000 smacker' at Leeds four years ago.

That was the staggering sum the 1978/79 Championship-winning side collected from his goal in the 3-0 win at Elland Road that brought down the curtain on yet another triumphant term under Bob Paisley.

Liverpool, with the Championship crown having been securely locked away several weeks earlier, went into that final fixture needing two goals to reach the target of 84 and the £50,000 jackpot offered at the start of the season by the 'Sun' newspaper.

Below: Jimmy Case — scored a goal at Leeds that was worth £50,000 to Liverpool.

David Johnson tucked away goal number 83 and, before half-time, Jimmy struck 'gold' with that vital prize-winning score.

Johnson added a third goal for good measure in the second half but in relation to Jimmy's goal, it paled in significance.

Recalling that 'golden game', the current Brighton star says: "Although the goal target was at the back of our minds from the first whistle, we were not unduly worried about reaching that target because it was a long way off."

"But as the season wore on and we began to notch up a series of big wins, we realised it was within our grasp."

"It wasn't until we had clinched the title that we started seriously to consider it and, with two games to go, we needed three more goals."

"We only managed a 1-0 win at Middlesbrough in the last but

ONE FOR THE

LIVERPOOL FACT FILE 1978-79

Manager: Bob Paisley.

Points: 68.

Goals for: 85.

Goals against: 16.

Biggest victory: 7-0 v Tottenham (h).

Heaviest defeat: 1-3 v Aston Villa (a).

Top scorers: League — Kenny Dalglish 21, David Johnson 16.

FA Cup: Dalglish 4.

League Cup: None.

Penalty king: Terry McDermott and Phil Neal 2 each.

Hat-tricks: Jimmy Case 1.

Average home gate: 46,406.

Most League appearances: Ray Clemence, Neal, Ray Kennedy and Dalglish 42 each.

LEAGUE MARKSMEN: 21 Kenny Dalglish; 16 David Johnson; 10 Ray Kennedy; 8 Graeme Souness and Terry McDermott; 7 Jimmy Case; 5 Phil Neal; 4 Steve Heighway; 3 Alan Kennedy; 2 David Fairclough; 1 Alan Hansen.



one game, leaving us needing two more at Leeds in the final match.

"I was certainly delighted to score that second goal because I hadn't had much luck in front of goal that season.

"That took my League tally to seven, and three of them had come in one game against Bolton which was only the second hat-trick of my career."

In fact, almost half of Liverpool's 85-goal League total came from the strike force of Kenny Dalglish (21) and Johnson (16).

Class

Says Jimmy: "Kenny really came into his own that season and showed his true class. Taking over from Kevin Keegan could not have been easy but Kenny was more than equal to the task.

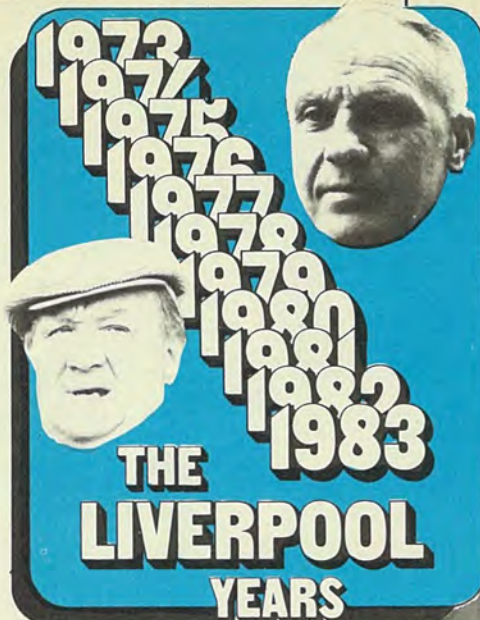
"Although he has so much individual skill he's a great team player and very unselfish. He always makes himself available and is prepared to lay the ball off to team-mates if he can't have a go at goal himself."

It was little wonder that the ruthless Anfield Machine scooped the jackpot that season.

On no fewer than 14 times they scored three or more goals, and Tottenham, Norwich and Derby felt the full impact of their devastating attack.

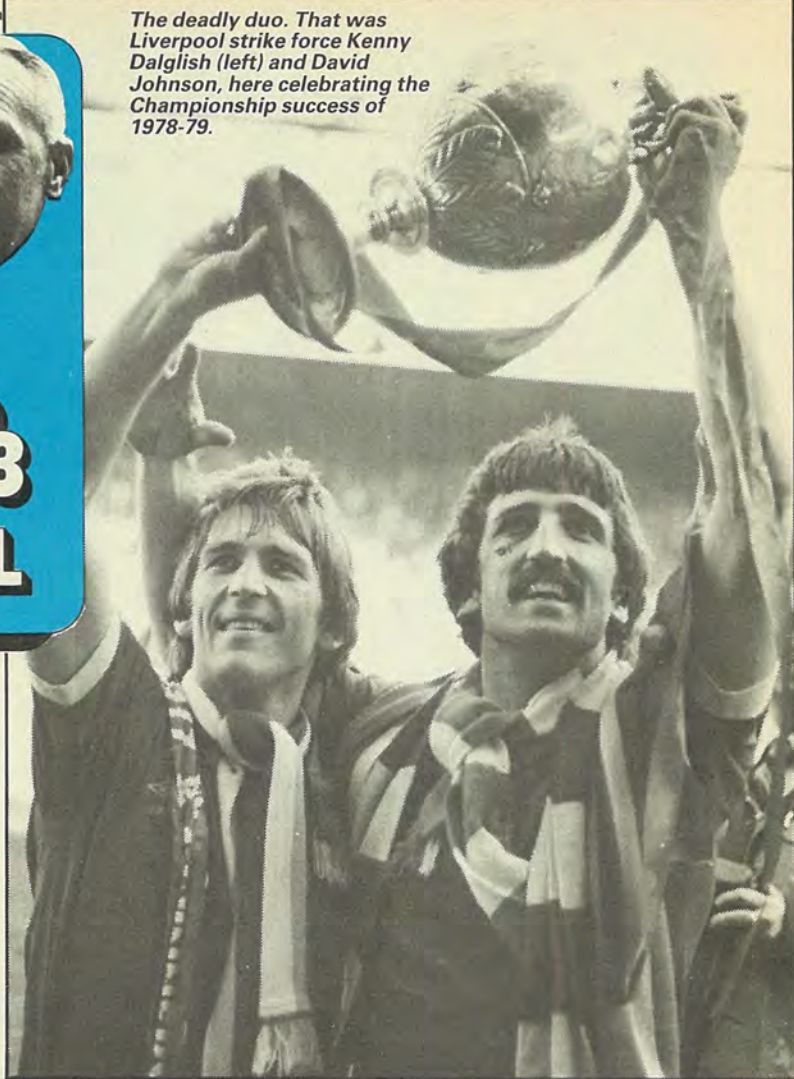
Poor old Tottenham were totally bemused as Liverpool ran riot with a 7-0 victory; Norwich were hit for six, and Derby conceded five.

There was never any doubting



THE Liverpool success story rolls on. Here we re-live the 1978-79 Championship triumph through the eyes of local boy Jimmy Case, the man with a power-packed punch in both feet whose goal at Leeds in the last match of the season was worth £50,000 to the club.

The deadly duo. That was Liverpool strike force Kenny Dalglish (left) and David Johnson, here celebrating the Championship success of 1978-79.



SHOWCASE!

that Liverpool would take the title back to Merseyside. They opened up with ten wins and a draw in their first eleven matches before losing their unbeaten tag at, of all places, Everton.

They were unbeaten at Anfield, lost just four games on their travels and conceded a miserly 16 goals in 42 matches.

Jimmy believes that much of the credit for that incredible defensive record should go to England goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

Brilliant

"He had a marvellous season and, although he was rarely called upon, when the need arose he was always on form," recalls Jimmy.

"He had the good habit of making brilliant saves at crucial times and he earned us no end of points. It was very reassuring to know that Ray was the last line of defence."

Anfield hasn't been the most charitable of institutions in recent years, and that 1978-79 season was no exception.

JIMMY'S CRACKER GIVES CHAMPIONS £50,000 FLOURISH

"Teams feared coming to Anfield because we had the reputation of giving absolutely nothing away, and that season we conceded just four goals at home," adds Jimmy.

"In many of the games that season at Anfield, particularly against Tottenham, we produced some of our best football for some time... it must have been great stuff to watch.

"That display in the 7-0 drubbing of Spurs was tremendous. Everything we did turned to gold and every move seemed to end with a goal, or a near miss.

"My Brighton team-mate Neil

McNab, who played for Spurs that day, told me that he spent most of the match just watching us play, we were that good.

"The understanding between all the players was excellent, even people like Alan Kennedy and Alan Hansen who had only just joined, fitted in perfectly."

Despite their 'walk-over' in the League, Liverpool didn't find it so easy in cup competitions.

They fell at the first hurdle in the League Cup at Sheffield United and went out to Nottingham Forest in the First Round of the European Cup.

"We knew when we were drawn against Forest that it was

going to be difficult, and that's how it turned out," he says.

"They beat us 2-0 at the City Ground and then held us to a goalless draw at Anfield. It was very disappointing because we had chances to have won both legs.

"Having won the trophy the previous year, we were very keen to retain it, but at least we could concentrate on the League in a bigger way."

Replay

Another disappointment followed a few months later when Liverpool lost in the Semi-Finals of the FA Cup against Manchester United, losing 1-0 in a replay.

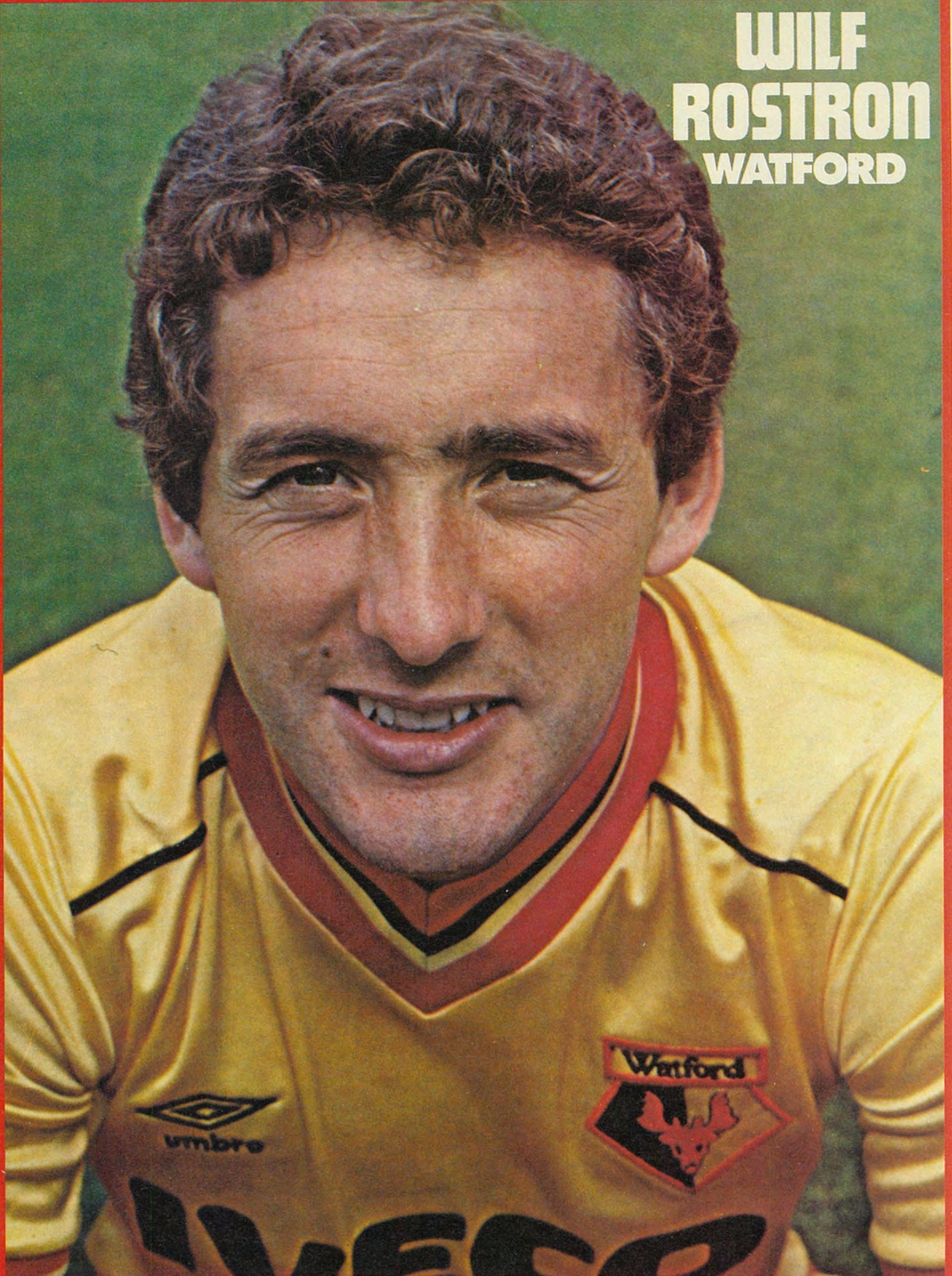
"After going so far in the competition it was a bitter blow being knocked out at the final hurdle before Wembley," says Jimmy.

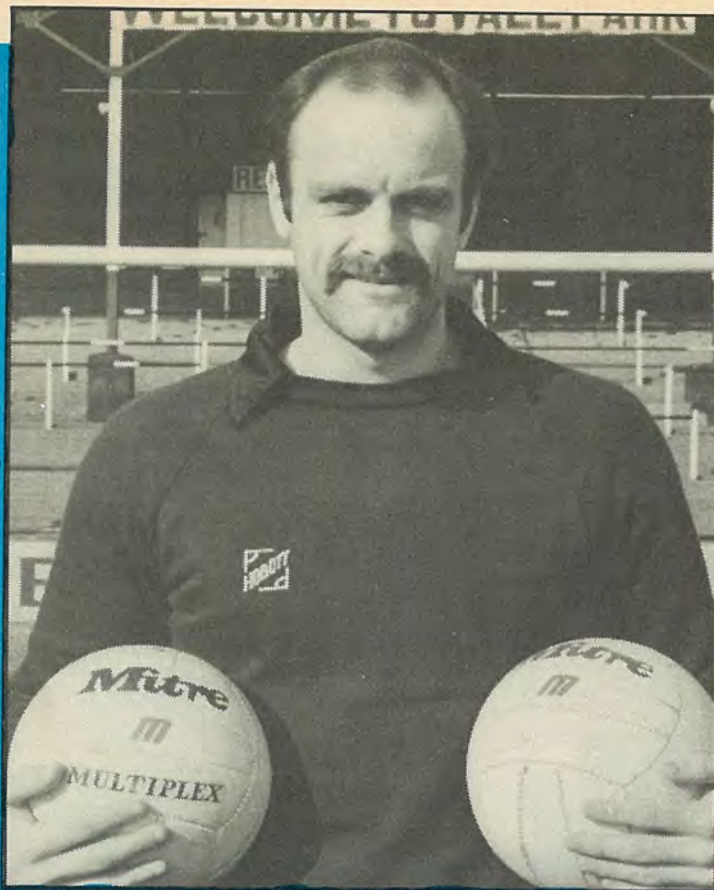
"But the disappointment was forgotten a few weeks later when we went on to clinch the League Championship which Liverpool have always considered the most important trophy to win."

YOUNG Wolves centre-half John Pender (left) won't be facing Sheffield Wednesday striker John Pearson in League action next season. He hopes to catch himself much bigger fish in the First Division leaving John battling again in Division Two.



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Barry Siddall — the safest hands in Division Four.

SIDDALL STEALS THE SHOW

Top Stoppers — 'Match' spotlights the goalkeepers with the safest hands in the Fourth Division last season — EXCLUSIVE!

BARRY Siddall, who was playing in the First Division with Sunderland last year, was the inspiration last season behind Port Vale's return to the Third Division after a five-year absence.

The former Bolton 'keeper conceded just 22 goals in 33 League appearances for his new club and that earned him the accolade of Match Weekly's 'Top Stopper' in the Fourth Division.

A knee injury forced him to miss 13 games, but his experience of the big-time paid handsome dividends and manager John McGrath must have been highly delighted at obtaining him on a free transfer to replace talented youngster Mark Harrison who joined the Chamberlain brothers, Mark and Neville, at neighbouring Stoke.

In fact, goalkeepers from promoted teams filled the first four positions in our table, with Hull City's Tony Norman claiming runners-up spot, just five minutes adrift of Barry.

That was an improvement of 12 places and 61 minutes on the previous season.



Wimbledon's Dave Beasant — fourth in our 'Top Stoppers' table.

Scunthorpe's Joe Neenan also improved by a considerable margin — 16 places and 46 minutes — to take third place with Wimbledon's Dave Beasant and Bury's David Brown sharing fourth spot on the 92 minute mark.

The biggest slump was suffered by Blackpool's highly-rated England Under-21 international Iain Hesford. He dived from seventh to 18th place in a season when Blackpool had to seek re-election for the first time.

TOP STOPPERS DIVISION FOUR

TABLE

Pos	Goalkeeper	Games	Goals	Average mins. between each goal
1 (-)	Barry Siddall (Port Vale)	33 (-)	22 (-)	135 (-)
2 (14)	Tony Norman (Hull)	36 (36)	25 (47)	130 (69)
3 (19)	Joe Neenan (Scunthorpe)	46 (44)	42 (75)	99 (53)
4 (-)	Dave Beasant (Wimbledon)	46 (-)	45 (-)	92 (-)
4 (9)	David Brown (Bury)	45 (27)	44 (31)	92 (78)
6 (11)	Mike Walker (Colchester)	42 (46)	48 (57)	79 (73)
7 (-)	David Seaman (Peterborough)	38 (-)	45 (-)	76 (-)
7 (-)	Roger Jones (York)	42 (-)	50 (-)	76 (-)
9 (-)	Jimmy Allan (Swindon)	45 (-)	54 (-)	75 (-)
10 (-)	Neil Freeman (Northampton)	22 (-)	31 (-)	64 (-)
10 (-)	Graham Horn (Torquay)	46 (-)	65 (-)	64 (-)
12 (8)	Scott Endersby (Tranmere)	36 (43)	53 (48)	61 (81)
13 (-)	John Shaw (Bristol City)	46 (-)	70 (-)	59 (-)
13 (20)	Rod Arnold (Mansfield)	43 (45)	66 (80)	59 (51)
15 (-)	Steve Smith (Crewe)	46 (-)	71 (-)	58 (-)
15 (10)	Lee Smelt (Halifax)	41 (34)	64 (41)	58 (75)
15 (-)	Chris Pearce (Rochdale)	36 (-)	56 (-)	58 (-)
18 (7)	Iain Hesford (Blackpool)	44 (39)	69 (43)	57 (82)
19 (16)	Pat Cuff (Darlington)	34 (46)	55 (62)	56 (67)
20 (17)	Brian Lloyd (Stockport)	46 (45)	79 (63)	52 (64)
21 (18)	Glen Johnson (Aldershot)	46 (45)	82 (67)	50 (60)

(Hereford, Hartlepool and Chester didn't have a goalkeeper who qualified)

● Figures in brackets refer to the previous season (1981-82).

THE first column after the player's name shows the number of League appearances last season, the second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column shows the average number of minutes' play between each goal.

For instance, Tranmere's Scott Endersby conceded, on average, one goal every 61 minutes last season.

Only League games were used in the compilation of this table and only those goalkeepers who made at least twenty appearances qualified for inclusion.

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Preston

Manager: Gordon Lee.
Division: Three.
Position: 16th.
Points: 58.
Goals for: 60.
Against: 69.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Shepshed (FA Cup).
Heaviest defeat: 5-1 v Exeter.
Top scorers (League): Steve Elliott 19, Alex Bruce 7.
FA Cup: Elliott and Gordon Coleman 2 each.
Milk Cup: Elliott 2.
Penalty king: Elliott 2.
Hat-tricks: Elliott 1.
Average home gate: 4,938.
Up or down: -558.
Most League appearances: Elliott, Andrew McAteer 45 each, Willie Naughton 41.



QPR

Manager: Terry Venables.
Division: Two.
Position: 1st.
Points: 85.
Goals for: 77.
Against: 36.
Biggest win: 6-1 v Middlesbrough.
Heaviest defeat: 4-0 v Wolves.
Top scorers (League): Tony Sealy 16, John Gregory 15.
FA Cup: Terry Fenwick and Gary Micklewhite, 1 each.
Milk Cup: Gregory 1.
Penalty king: Fenwick 2.
Hat-tricks: Clive Allen 1.
Average home gate: 12,806.
Up or down: +232.
Most League appearances: Gregory, Peter Hucker and Ian Dawes 42 each.



Reading

Manager: Maurice Evans.
Division: Three.
Position: 21st.
Points: 53.
Goals for: 64.
Against: 79.
Biggest win: 3-0 v Orient.
Heaviest defeat: 4-0 v Lincoln and Wrexham.
Top scorers (League): Kerry Dixon 26, Pat Earles 7.
FA Cup: Earles 1.
Milk Cup: None.
Penalty king: Dixon 2.
Hat-tricks: Dixon 2.
Average home gate: 3,267.
Up or down: -75.
Most League appearances: Stuart Beavon 46, Jerry Williams 41.



Rochdale

Manager: Jimmy Greenhoff.
Division: Four.
Position: 20th.
Points: 49.
Goals for: 55.
Against: 73.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Hereford.
Heaviest defeat: 4-0 v Port Vale.
Top scorers (League): Michael French 11, Peter Farrell 9.
FA Cup: Barry Wellings 1.
Milk Cup: Wellings 2.
Penalty king: French 3.
Hat-tricks: French 1.
Average home gate: 1,689.
Up or down: -148.
Most League appearances: Farrell and David Thompson 43 each.

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Rotherham

Manager: George Kerr.
Division: Two.
Position: 20th.
Points: 45.
Goals for: 45.
Against: 68.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Charlton.
Heaviest defeat: 1-5 v Newcastle.
Top scorers (League): Joe McBride 11, John Seaman 9.
FA Cup: Seaman 1.
Milk Cup: Seaman and John Green, 1 each.
Penalty king: Emlyn Hughes 4.
Hat-tricks: Seaman and Ronnie Moore, 1 each.
Average home gate: 8,316.
Up or down: -1,540.
Most League appearances: McBride 42, Gerry Forrest 38.



Scunthorpe

Manager: Allan Clarke.
Division: Four.
Position: 4th.
Points: 83.
Goals for: 71.
Against: 42.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Northampton.
Heaviest defeat: 5-1 v Colchester.
Top scorers (League): Steve Cammack 25, Chris Cowling 10.
FA Cup: Cammack, Cowling and Paul O'Berg, 1 each.
Milk Cup: Cowling 1.
Penalty king: Cammack 2.
Hat-tricks: Cammack 1.
Average home gate: 3,574.
Up or down: +1,343.
Most League appearances: Joe Neenan, Neil Pointon and Les Hunter, 46 each.



Sheffield U

Manager: Ian Porterfield.
Division: Three.
Position: 11th.
Points: 64.
Goals for: 62.
Against: 64.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Boston United (FA Cup) and Grimsby (Milk Cup).
Heaviest defeat: 4-1 v Portsmouth, Wrexham and Orient.
Top scorers (League): Colin Morris 14, Keith Edwards 13.
FA Cup: Edwards 5.
Milk Cup: Edwards 5.
Penalty king: Morris 9.
Hat-tricks: Morris, Edwards and Alan Young, 1 each.
Average home gate: 11,806.
Up or down: -3,085.
Most League appearances: Paul Garner 41, Edwards 37.



Sheffield W

Manager: Jack Charlton (since resigned).
Division: Two.
Position: 6th.
Points: 63.
Goals for: 60.
Against: 47.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Burnley (FA Cup).
Heaviest defeat: 4-1 v Burnley.
Top scorers (League): Gary Bannister 20, John Pearson 7.
FA Cup: Gary Megson 5.
Milk Cup: Kevin Taylor 3.
Penalty king: Bannister 5.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 16,657.
Up or down: -2,513.
Most League appearances: Bob Bolder 42, Megson 41, Gary Shelton 40.



Shrewsbury

Manager: Graham Turner.
Division: Two.
Position: 9th.
Points: 59.
Goals for: 48.
Against: 48.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Bolton.
Heaviest defeat: 4-0 v Q.P.R. and Newcastle.
Top scorers (League): Alan Brown 10, Chic Bates 9.
FA Cup: Brown 2.
Milk Cup: Brown and Steve Cross, 2 each.
Penalty king: Ross MacLaren 3.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 5,275.
Up or down: +705.
Most League appearances: Steve Ogrizovic and Wayne Williams 42 each, MacLaren 40.



Southampton

Manager: Lawrie McMenemy.
Division: One.
Position: 12th.
Points: 57.
Goals for: 54.
Against: 58.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Man. City (Milk Cup).
Heaviest defeat: 6-0 v Tottenham.
Top scorers (League): Danny Wallace 12, Steve Moran 10.
FA Cup: None.
Milk Cup: Moran 2.
Penalty king: Moran 3.
Hat-tricks: Moran 1.
Average home gate: 18,717.
Up or down: -3,118.
Most League appearances: Chris Nicholl 42, Dave Armstrong 41.



Southend

Manager: Dave Smith.
Division: Three.
Position: 15th.
Points: 59.
Goals for: 66.
Against: 65.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Portsmouth.
Heaviest defeat: 4-0 v Wigan.
Top scorers (League): Steve Phillips 17, Gary Nelson, Keith Mercer and Danny Greaves, 8 each.
FA Cup: Ron Pountney 3.
Milk Cup: Nelson, Glenn Pennyfather and Steve Yates, 1 each.
Penalty king: Dave Cusack 3.
Hat-tricks: Phillips 1.
Average home gate: 3,279.
Up or down: -1,803.
Most League appearances: Pountney 46, Micky Stead 45.



Stockport

Manager: Eric Webster.
Division: Four.
Position: 16th.
Points: 54.
Goals for: 60.
Against: 79.
Biggest win: 3-0 v Blackpool and Colchester.
Heaviest defeat: 7-0 v Hull.
Top scorers (League): Mike Quinn 24, Mike Power and Trevor Phillips, 9 each.
FA Cup: Osher Williams and Terry Park, 1 each.
Milk Cup: Park and Dean Emerson, 1 each.
Penalty king: Quinn 2.
Hat-tricks: Quinn 2.
Average home gate: 2,303.
Up or down: -244.
Most League appearances: Brian Lloyd 46, Emerson 45.

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Stoke

Manager: Richie Barker.
Division: One.
Position: 13th.
Points: 57.
Goals for: 53.
Against: 64.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Watford.
Heaviest defeat: 5-1 v Liverpool.
Top scorers (League): Mike Thomas 11, Sammy McLroy 8.
FA Cup: Ian Painter and David McAughtrie, 1 each.
Milk Cup: Thomas and Dave Watson, 1 each.
Penalty king: Paul Maguire 3.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 16,627.
Up or down: +1,992.
Most League appearances: Thomas and Paul Bracewell, 41 each, McLroy 40.



Sunderland

Manager: Alan Durban.
Division: One.
Position: 16th.
Points: 50.
Goals for: 48.
Against: 61.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Wolves (Milk Cup).
Heaviest defeat: 8-0 v Watford.
Top scorers (League): Gary Rowell 16, Nick Pickering 7.
FA Cup: Gordon Chisholm 1.
Milk Cup: Rowell and Chisholm, 2 each.
Penalty king: Rowell 3.
Hat-tricks: Rowell 1.
Average home gate: 17,353.
Up or down: -2,254.
Most League appearances: Pickering 39, Iain Munro 37.



Swansea

Manager: John Toshack.
Division: One.
Position: 21st.
Points: 41.
Goals for: 51.
Against: 69.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Norwich.
Heaviest defeat: 1-5 v West Ham.
Top scorers (League): Bob Latchford 20, Robbie James 9.
FA Cup: Darren Gale 1.
Milk Cup: Latchford 4.
Penalty king: James 2.
Hat-tricks: Latchford 2.
Average home gate: 11,681.
Up or down: -6,544.
Most League appearances: James 40, Latchford 38.



Swindon

Manager: Ken Beamish.
Division: Four.
Position: 8th.
Points: 68.
Goals for: 61.
Against: 54.
Biggest win: 7-0 v Aldershot (FA Cup).
Heaviest defeat: 1-5 v Northampton.
Top scorers (League): Paul Rideout 20, Andy Rowland 16.
FA Cup: Howard Pritchard 5.
Milk Cup: Rideout 2.
Penalty king: Rideout 10.
Hat-tricks: Rideout, Rowland and Pritchard 1 each.
Average home gate: 3,994.
Up or down: -1,830.
Most League appearances: Leigh Barnard and Michael Graham 46 each, Rowland and Jimmy Allan 45.



West German striker Horst Hrubesch — has publicly declared his distaste for Italian football.

FROM THE HORST'S MOUTH . . .

NEW Standard Liege striker Horst Hrubesch caused a storm when he revealed his reasons for rejecting big money advances from Italian clubs.

The West German international told a group of Italian journalists that the only thing he liked about Italy was spaghetti.

"I have never taken seriously any of the offers that have come my way from Italian clubs and that is simply because I don't like them or the football atmosphere," says the former Hamburg forward.

"I don't like the mentality, the aggressive manner and style and the way the sport is understood. I think there are too many rumours, too many manipulations and too much force."

"No, Italy is not for me at all. The only thing I like about Italy is the spaghetti — but that is not enough of a reason to go there and work, is it?"

TIME RUNS OUT FOR DINO . . .

IT'S all over for the evergreen Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff. The brilliant 41-year-old Juventus and Italy 'keeper is hanging up his gloves for good. And that's his own decision.

Italy manager Enzo Bearzot persuaded his World Cup-winning captain to play again in the European Championship game against Sweden.

But after the humiliating 2-0 defeat, Zoff told the boss: "That's it for me. The result is not the reason. I was part of the team that played so badly and I must take my share of the blame. It is just that I honestly believe the time has come for me to stop. And that includes playing for Juventus."

Right: Veteran Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff — decided to call it a day.

FALCAO SHOCK

Brazil star to quit Italian champions

BRILLIANT Brazilian Roberto Falcao is to quit Italian Champions Roma.

The World Cup star rocked the club by announcing through his agent that he has decided to reject their offer of a new contract.

The news will send all biggest clubs in the world scrambling for their cheque books and bank managers.

It seemed certain that Falcao, one of the most impressive players

in last year's World Cup Finals, would stay with Roma after they had won the title for the first time in 41 years.

But the shock news was revealed by his Brazilian adviser and friend Christoforo Colombo.

He said: "It is finished. He is leaving. Falcao is leaving Roma."

Colombo had conducted the negotiations on Falcao's behalf. The final offer, rejected by the Brazilian, was said to be worth around £120,000 a year.

■ MEMORIES of the great days of players like Eusebio must have come flooding back to Benfica when a 1-0 away win over Portimonense won them the Portuguese title for the 25th time. That was at last some consolation for losing to Belgian side Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup Final.

■ FRENCH World Cup star Didier Six is leaving his West German club Stuttgart to return home and join Mulhouse on a one-year contract. Mulhouse were relegated to the Second Division last season.



■ EXILED Belgian defender Eric Gerets reckons France will be clear favourites to win next year's European Championships. The new AC Milan player says: "It will be France because they are playing at home and that is a tremendous advantage. They have some terrific players too, like Platini and Giresse, who I think is one of the classiest players in the world."

■ ACE goalkeeper Georgio Chinaglia, the former Italian international, is set to leave New York Cosmos after leading a U.S. backed bid to take over his former club Lazio of Rome who are in deep financial trouble.

■ BELGIAN side Antwerp have signed midfielder player Jozsef Pacik from Hungarian club Raba for £100,000 — a record fee for an Hungarian player.

■ JUVENTUS recovered from the disappointment of their European Cup Final flop by slamming Italian Champions Roma 5-0 on aggregate to reach the Semi-Finals of the Italian Cup.

HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

BELGIUM

(Final table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Standard	34	22	6	6	78	34	50
Anderlecht	34	20	9	5	74	33	49
Anversa	34	20	6	8	56	30	46
Gand	34	18	10	6	60	42	46
Bruges	34	17	9	8	58	43	43
Beveren	34	15	10	9	68	38	40
Waterschei	34	14	9	12	48	49	37
Lokeren	34	13	8	13	42	38	35
Liegi	34	11	10	13	37	54	32
RWDM	34	9	13	12	32	38	31
Cercle Bruges	34	7	14	13	38	49	29
Courtrai	34	10	9	15	41	55	29
Sereing	34	8	12	14	41	62	28
Lierse	34	10	7	17	34	51	27
Beerschot	34	8	9	17	43	61	25
Waregem	34	7	10	19	35	62	24
Tongeren	34	7	7	20	38	64	21
Winterslag	34	5	10	19	36	62	20

FRANCE

(One game to play)

Nantes	37	23	10	4	75	28	56
Bordeaux	37	20	8	9	66	45	48
Paris S.G.	37	19	7	11	65	49	45
Laval	37	15	13	9	41	40	43
Lens	37	17	8	12	62	54	42
Monaco	37	13	5	9	52	34	41
Nancy	37	17	7	13	73	59	41
Brest	37	11	15	11	53	61	37
Auxerre	37	11	14	12	53	47	36
Metz	37	13	10	14	65	66	36
Tolosa	37	15	6	16	52	63	36
Sochaux	37	9	16	12	51	52	34
Lille	37	13	7	17	37	44	33
St Etienne	37	11	11	15	40	51	33
Rouen	37	11	10	16	45	53	32
Bastia	37	9	13	15	40	51	31
Strasbourg	37	10	11	16	37	51	31
Tours	37	11	7	19	56	68	29
Lione	37	11	6	20	56	74	28
Mulhouse	37	10	8	19	45	74	28

W GERMANY

(One game to play)

Hamburg	33	19	12	2	77	32	50
Werder	33	22	8	3	73	36	50
Stuttgart	33	19	8	6	77	45	46
Bayern	33	16	10	7	71	32	42
Cologne	33	16	9	8	66	40	41
Kaiserslautern	33	14	13	6	55	41	41
Dortmund	33	16	7	10	74	56	39
Bielefeld	33	12	6	15	45	70	30
Frankfurt	33	12	5	16	47	52	29
Bochum	33	8	12	13	41	46	28
Dusseldorf	33	10	8	15	58	74	28
Nuremberg	33	11	6	16	42	67	28
Brunswick	33	8	11	14	41	62	27
Leverkusen	33	9	9	15	40	65	27
B. M'gladbach	33	11	4	18	58	59	26
Schalke	33	8	6	19	47	66	22
Hertha	33	5	10	18	41	64	20
Karlsruhe	33	7	6	20	38	85	20

ITALY

Division One

(Leading positions with two to play)

AC Milan	36	18	15	3	76	36	51
Catania	36	13	17	6	34	18	43
Lazio	36	13	17	6	40	29	43
Cremone	36	12	18	6	37	27	42
Como	36	11	19	6	32	22	41
Cavese	36	12	17	7	33	31	41

CZECH

(Leading positions with five to play)

Bohemians	25	14	6	5	54	28	34
Ostrava	25	13	7	5	40	25	33
Sparta	25	12	7	6	41	27	31
Slavia	25	10	8	7	49	39	28
Inter	25	9	10	6	26	18	28

SWITZERLAND

(Leading position with four to play)

Grasshoppers	26	21	1	4	74	26	43
Servette	26	20	3	3	54	18	43
St Gallen	26	16	3	7	57	28	35
Losanna	26	13	5	8	50	37	31



'Welsh were robbed' — NEV SOUTHALL

LESS than four years ago, Neville Southall was employed as a bricklayer... now he's building himself a reputation for being as safe as houses.

After joining Bury in 1980, he moved to Everton a year later and has now become the first choice goalkeeper in Mike England's Welsh squad.

A fortnight ago he was picked to face the Brazilians in a friendly at Ninian Park and underlined why he's the Welsh number one.

But despite his tremendous performance in his country's 1-1 draw, Neville refuses to admit that his place in the side is secure.

He says: "In David Felgate and Andy Dibble we have two of the best young goalkeepers in the country and they will be pushing me hard all the way.

"My experiences at Everton have taught me not to take anything for granted and I'm just happy to be a member of Mike England's squad."

Neville was unable to



Neville Southall — "We were robbed."

command a regular place in the Everton side last season, losing his place early on to Jim Arnold.

He returned to the team for the last few games and his performances prompted Mike

BRAZIL came to Ninian Park, Cardiff, in a blaze of glory... but left scorched by the fiery Welsh dragons.

'Match' talked to the man expected to be under fire, Wales 'keeper Neville Southall, and gets the verdicts of four top stars about the Brazilian flop...

Plus Alan Davies, the Manchester United winger, talks about his dramatic rise to soccer stardom, culminating in his selection for Wales' showpiece friendly.

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England to include him in the Welsh side for the Brazil game.

"I was delighted to be picked for that one... it's a chance of a lifetime to play against the Brazilians, who are probably the best in the world," says Neville.

"Despite the talk about Eder and other powerful strikers of the ball in the Brazil side, I wasn't worried about facing them and really enjoyed the experience."

Neville was in action far less than he expected but he was called upon to make a magnificent save from a 30-yard Eder free-kick.

"He hit it with a lot of power, but the save wasn't as difficult as it may have looked," he says modestly. "The ball never moved and I had no difficulty in turning it round the post — apart from that, I had little to do."

"The lads were marvellous and deserved to win. I thought we were robbed. Their goal should never have been allowed because we had a man down injured at the time and all our players stopped."

"But the referee allowed play to go on and, when the ball came to Isidoro on the far post, our defenders were out of position and I had no chance with the shot."

"That was one of our best performances for a long time and it has to give us confidence for our next batch of European Championship games."

Few people who saw the game would disagree that Brazil did not deserve a draw and, below, four top stars talk frankly about the team once boasted as the best in the world...

BRAZIL-TIME



ANDY KING — felt let down.

ANDY KING (Everton)

"I HAD been looking forward to seeing the Brazilians all week... but was totally let down."

I can only think that they weren't really bothered about the game and didn't give 100 per cent, otherwise my illusions of them have been destroyed.

The Brazilians represent everything the game is about, yet they hardly gave us a glimpse of the kind of football we know they can play.

I was very disappointed in them and I felt sorry for the 35,000 fans who paid good money to watch them.

We never saw any of the touches which delighted us during the World Cup and they created very few chances. In fact I think they only had about three shots on target.

They were weakened slightly, but by the same token, Wales also had some of their best players missing, so there's no excuse there... it must have been the cold weather."

DAVID MOSS (Luton)

"I WAS very disappointed with the Brazilians... they bore little resemblance to the side we saw in the World Cup."

Obviously they were weakened by the absence of Zico, Falcao and Junior, but they didn't perform like the Brazil we have come to know.

They weren't half as skilful as they

were in Spain — maybe that's down to the fact that they have a new manager and coach, who perhaps have different ideas.

Some of the tackles by Brazilian defenders were a bit crude — which is something we don't normally see from them — and the full-back Marcio was lucky not to have been sent off.

The manager brought in a number of youngsters who will naturally need time to adapt to international football. But established players like the captain Socrates, and Eder didn't perform to their full potential.

Socrates was particularly quiet and seemed to play wherever he wanted. He is a midfield player who can take control of a game, but he was up front most of the game and hardly got a look-in.

And Eder, who is one of the Brazilians capable of doing the unexpected, only gave us a glimpse of his shooting power."

KEN HIBBITT (Wolves)

"I THINK we were all expecting too much of the Brazilians."

Everyone thought they would produce a dazzling display, like we saw in the World Cup, but that was never the case.

And full credit for that must go to the Welsh, who made it very difficult for the Brazilians to play their natural game.

They hustled and chased for the whole 90 minutes and few could argue that they had the better of the game. We can all learn a lesson from that performance, which has got to be a great morale-booster for the Welsh.

I was particularly impressed with the young full-back Jeff Hopkins, who did a great job in marking Brazil's World Cup star Eder.

Socrates was very disappointing and I thought the only player who stood out was the substitute Paulo Isidoro, who showed some nice touches and took his goal very well."

GERRY ARMSTRONG (Watford)

"I THINK the Brazilians approached the game in Cardiff in the wrong frame of mind."

Like Northern Ireland, Wales are not a big name in footballing terms and Brazil were probably over-confident.

But as we showed in the World Cup Finals, fighting spirit can overcome any lack of skill, and Wales proved it again last Sunday.

From the first whistle, the Welsh hustled the Brazilians, which is how Northern Ireland have got results against big name sides, and they never allowed them to settle down.

I was very impressed with Wales, particularly young Jeff Hopkins, and they were desperately unlucky not to have achieved what would have been an historic win.

Having seen the Brazilians in Spain, I felt they were the best footballing nation in the world... but they didn't look it against Wales.

Naturally they missed the likes of Zico and Falcao, who are world class players, and I think with them in the side it would have been a different game."



DAVID MOSS — very disappointed.



KENNY HIBBITT — praise for the Welsh.



GERRY ARMSTRONG — thought Brazil badly missed their stars.

ALAN Davies looked back on the most eventful weeks of his life and declared: "I still can't believe all that's happened to me."

Little more than a month ago, 21-year-old Alan was battling away in the reserves at Manchester United hoping and praying for the chance to make a name for himself.

And it came in dramatic fashion. With only three first team appearances under his belt, the young Welshman suddenly found himself in Ron Atkinson's side for the FA Cup Final.

His performance in the 2-2 draw against battling Brighton made him an obvious choice for the replay a few days later when he played his part in United's crushing 4-0 victory.

Within a week of picking up a Cup Winners' medal, Alan made his international debut for Wales against Northern Ireland and last week played in the friendly against Brazil.

He says: "It's been an amazing month for me... everything has happened so fast. Now I just want to sit back for a couple of weeks and absorb it all."

It's incredible to think that Alan has played in more cup finals and internationals than he has League games, and has achieved more in a month than most players do throughout their careers.

"I've been very lucky," he says. "I've really only got my chances because of other people's misfortunes. I was only picked for the Cup Final because Steve Coppell had been ruled

DRAMATIC RISE OF DAVIES

out and new signing Laurie Cunningham was unfit.

"And the same sort of thing happened with Wales. A number of first choice players were unavailable and, as a result, Mike England picked me."

Alan's rapid rise from obscurity is like something plucked from a 'Roy of the Rovers' annual... but it could all have been so different.

Before his dramatic emergence onto the soccer scene, Alan was 'plugging away' in the reserves at Old Trafford wondering where his future lay.

He explains: "The way things were going I honestly thought I would be leaving Manchester United at the end of the season."

"In five years at the club, I had played just one League game — against Southampton last season — and with my contract due to expire I thought my days were numbered."

"In fact, Ron Atkinson said to me at the beginning of last season that I had to prove myself in the next 12 months, or I could be on my way."

"It was really a make-or-break season for me and, with only a few weeks to go, I was still in the reserves

and the situation didn't look as though it was going to improve."

"I was beginning to think I wasn't going to make it at United and that I would be better off at another club where I could play first team football... I knew I was good enough."

"But then suddenly I was picked for the League game against Swansea, when I came on as substitute, and then played two more games before the Cup Final."

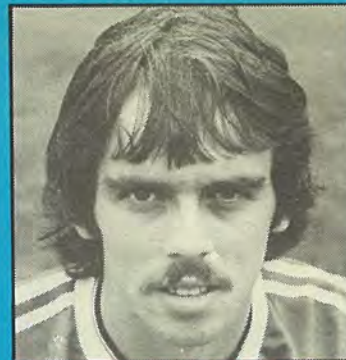
It wasn't until the day before the Final that Alan, who has been at Old Trafford since leaving school, knew he was in the team.

He says: "Laurie Cunningham, who was favourite to play, broke down in training and I can recall Ron Atkinson telling me 'You're in son'."

"I couldn't believe it... after all, I had only played in a few League games and had only played in front of a big crowd at Old Trafford on one occasion."

"I was very nervous beforehand but the experienced players in the side like Bryan Robson and Ray Wilkins, who had seen it all before, helped me a lot."

"I was more nervous about the replay than I was the first game, but



Alan Davies — played in more cup finals and internationals than League games.

after we took the lead I really began to enjoy it. It was a great occasion and walking up the steps to collect my medal and looking round at all the fans was something I will never forget."

Flushed with Cup Final success Alan went on to make his international debut a few days later against Northern Ireland in the British Championship.

"I didn't have a very good game, but manager Mike England kept faith in me for the Brazil game at Ninian Park," he says.

"Playing against probably the best country in the world was a marvellous experience and one I'll remember for a long time."

"The whole side played well and we were desperately unlucky not to win. Nobody gave us a hope in hell before the game, but Bryan Flynn got us off to a great start and we grew in confidence all the time."

Despite all that has happened to him over the last month or so, Alan is not getting carried away and is determined to keep his feet firmly on the ground.

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ALLAN EVANS

ASTON VILLA

FULL NAME: Allan James Evans.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: West Calder/October 12, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 11in./13st. 11lb.
MARRIED: Yes, to Gillian.
CHILDREN: Davida (4) and Jamie (2).
CAR: Granada Estate.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Dunfermline Athletic.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Went into football straight from school.
NICKNAME AT CLUB: 'Evo'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken leg (1973) and broken cheekbone (1974).
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Bryan Robson — the complete all-rounder.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Dunfermline.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Franz Beckenbauer — a master footballer.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks (England), McGrain (Scotland), McFarland, Moore, Cooper (all England), Giles (Eire), Bremner, Souness, Law (all Scotland), Charlton (England), Best (N. Ireland).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, McGrain, Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Junior, Socrates, Zico (Brazil), Platini (France), Pele (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Barcelona.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Birmingham in October 1980.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Hans Krankl for Austria in the 1978 World Cup Finals.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kenny Dalglish.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: European Cup Final victory over Bayern Munich in 1982.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Gaining my first Scotland cap.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being knocked out of last season's FA Cup by Arsenal.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, snooker, badminton.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Eating sweets and taking my children swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: People smoking, cutting the grass, liver and kidney!
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Question of Sport/The Citadel.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Coronation Street.
FAVOURITE READING: Books on sport.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Rod Stewart.
FAVOURITE FOOD: A good fry-up (sausage and bacon) or black pudding.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Coke.



BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood/Barbra Streisand.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: An Officer and a Gentleman.
BEST FRIEND: My wife Gillian.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Ron Saunders.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: There are too many false people in and around the game.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak or fish.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Four full caps, one youth cap for Scotland.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To make life secure for my family.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To

win more Scottish caps and to win the FA Cup with Villa.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I hope to stay in the game in some capacity.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Mark Walters (Villa).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: No-one in particular.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Get an education as well as taking up football.

Allan Evans



Above: Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish — most difficult opponent.

Below: Hans Krankl — scorer of a cracking goal in the 1978 World Cup Finals.

